



## the magic of Christmas



**GENEROUS GESTURE....**Billy Whitecotton, left, is shown as Steve Sherrill expresses with a handshake the sentiments of the bank employees. Whitecotton donated the beautiful eleven foot Christmas tree to the bank, and brought the tree back from his property in New Mexico, where Whitecotton cut the tree, after making the selection himself. This is the third year Whitecotton has donated the tree to the bank and expresses the true Christmas spirit in Bovina.

### Furnishing Christmas Tree Typifies True Spirit Of The Season

By JANET WILKE

If any of you have been in the First State Bank lately, you must have noticed the beautiful eleven foot Christmas tree in the bank's lobby.

Well, despite popular belief, it did not just grow there. It was a gift from a generous Bovina man, who cut the tree off his land in northern New Mexico.

Billy Whitecotton, who has a portion of land on a place between Mora and Eagle's Nest, New Mexico, cut the tree 300 yards behind his cabin up there, and dragged it down the mountain to get it to his pickup, after which, he hauled the tree 225 miles, back to Bovina just so the bank's customers could admire its beauty.

And, who says the Christmas spirit is dead?

Not only did Whitecotton perform this act of generosity this year, but has done this same thing for the past three years.

The Bovina bank is the only business in Bovina with a Whitecotton-cut tree.

"I make sure when I cut a tree that it is not in an area all to itself. I go where the trees are in need of thinning and then select a straight tree which is full and would look good as a Christmas tree," explained Whitecotton.

Billy said the trees usually do better if they are thinned out and he feels that his cutting of one or two for a worthy cause won't do a lot of damage.

The supermarket also purchases trees from around the Mora area to bring back to Bovina to sell to its customers. These are hauled back by the store's owner.

The bank's tree is a spruce and the tree was brought back to Bovina December 4 and the bank employees and their families had a tree decorating party in the bank December 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Approximately six families were involved in the decoration of the tree including the Randy Thomas family, the Jack Kassahns, the Steve Sherrill family, the Burry Thatcher family, Lori Richards and the Billy J. Charles family.

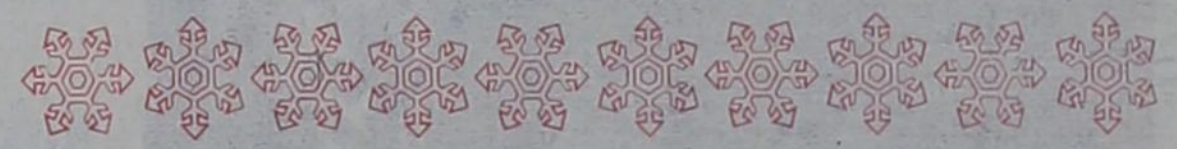
After the tree was decorated, the children in these families were presented with gifts and they opened these to the delight of all to see.

One ironic thing about the entire tree situation, is that Billy Whitecotton admitted that his family had an artificial tree in their home instead of a beautiful real one, like the one he brought back to the bank.

Whitecotton said to get a tree the size of the one in the bank, it would take about 12-14 years to grow in that height range.

But, it is a special type of person who would brave the northern woods of New Mexico and drag a tree 300 yards down a mountain, haul it in a pickup 225 miles, just to make other people's Christmas merrier.

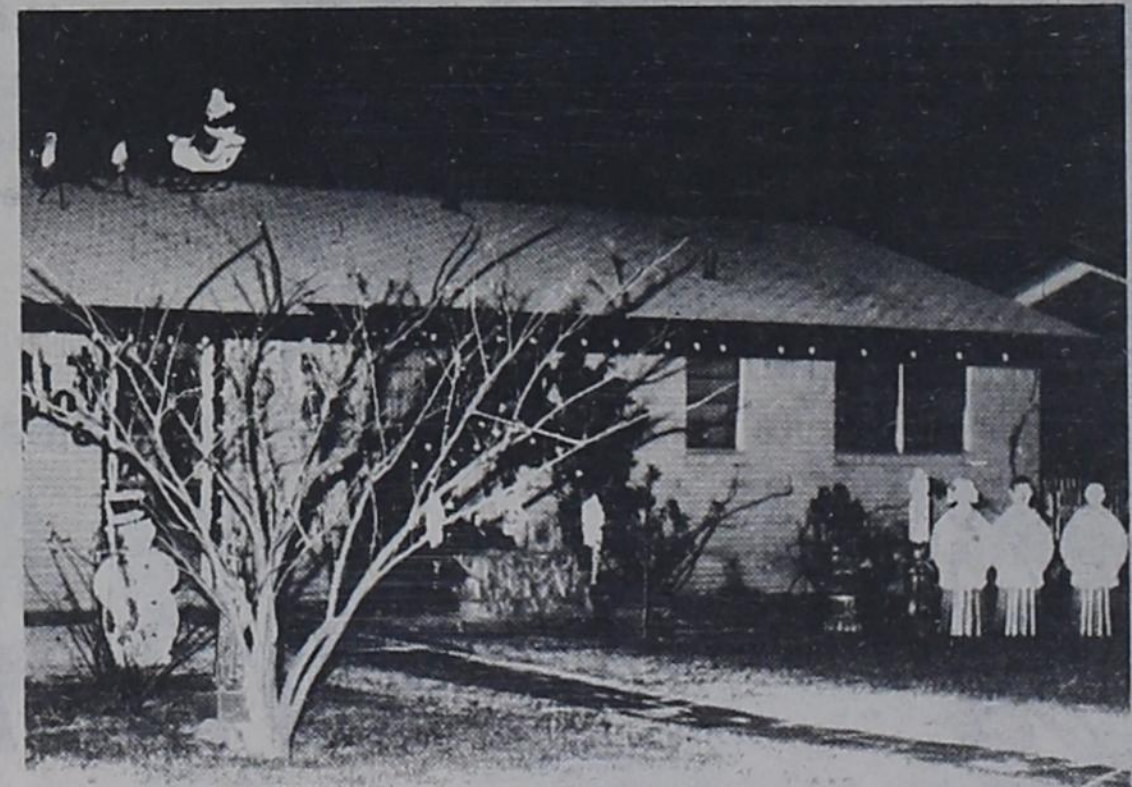
Billy Whitecotton is that type of person.



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**CHRISTMAS PLAY....**Mrs. Sue Fanchers fourth grade class is shown in their production of "The Elves and the Shoemaker", which was enjoyed by a large audience on Monday, December 21.



**FIRST PLACE ATTRACTION....**The Ruben Martinez home at 1106 Avenue D, won out over the others in the Bovina Lions Club Home Decoration Contest. Attractions at the home were a manger scene, an angel choir and Frosty the Snowman, plus the jolly old elf himself, on the roof.

# Anita Guest Believes In Variety As The Spice Of Life

By JANET WILKE

There are people in this world who will spend a lifetime and never have known, done and seen the things that Anita Guest has. For her, variety is, indeed, the spice of her life.

Born in Magnolia, Arkansas, she and her twin, Eddie, were the youngest of their family. Her oldest brother (now living in Little Rock), Charles, and second oldest brother, Kenneth, were always around to make life more interesting.

As life turned out, however, Anita would be separated from her twin time and time again, as she traveled over the country with her Air Force husband, and then Eddie was taken prisoner of war in Viet Nam for six years.

But, her early years were spent in the Ozarks, and she graduated from Little Rock Senior High School (which is now the Little Rock Central High, the forerunner of integration several years ago).

After high school, Anita spent the next seventeen years, off and on, raising a family, going to college and finally getting a degree in aviation and meteorology.

She married Jim Guest in November 1969.

Anita mothered four children: Steve, 24, who is a student at Lamar University, studying communications and planning to go into politics; Ginger (Virginia), 22, who is married to Bobby Bowman and is the mother of one four year old son, Alexander. They reside in Fort Collins, Colorado.

And, then there are the twins: Kenneth and Keith, 20. Both graduated from Bovina High School, and are currently living in Amarillo. Kenneth is married to the former Gerri Ramsey of Clovis and they both attend Amarillo College, and Keith is single and is attending TSTI in Amarillo.

In between the time of raising a family, going to college, and taking care of the daily matters of living, Anita Guest acquired several interesting hobbies. In fact, everything she does is interesting, mainly because of her outlook on tackling hard things.

"Anyone can do anything they want to. When they say, 'I can't,' I tell them that can't never tried."

"Don't be afraid of making a mistake, because everybody makes mistakes," she commented.

Anita has done various things from knitting and crocheting, to being a

licensed pilot.

She is also an expert woodworker and enjoys dabbling in poetry.

Actually, she is quite a good writer and has written many things which have been published in magazines.

She once did an article on "How To Marry 40331 and Survive"--a satirical piece on living with a pilot, using Jim's call letters in part of the title. This piece appeared in an aviation magazine.

Anita became a pilot in her own right in January 1971, and has her private license and could go on and get her Instrument Flight Rule license, but says she doubts if she will ever do this.

"If I can't see there (where she is going) then I shouldn't be there," quips Anita.

An IFR license is the one attained when a person can guide an aircraft by using only the instrument panel for assistance, instead of actually being able to see where they are headed. This requires more skill than it does for a person to have a private pilot's license.

Anita said of this situation, "There are old pilots and there are bold pilots...but there are not old, bold pilots."

Her husband, Jim, is a pilot with an agricultural chemical spraying firm, and he also has his specialization in aviation mechanics and is a licensed aircraft inspector, which takes up a lot of time.

Mrs. Guest is a humorous lady, who has a funny anecdote for just about every instance. She confesses, however, that she has always had a good sense of fun and has just plain never taken herself seriously.

"There was a time when Kenny had a leg broken in three places and another time when Ginger contracted polio...but there was never a time when I couldn't handle things confronting me," states Anita. "I go numb when bad things happen."

In her personal life, the worst thing to happen to Anita Guest was in 1973 when she was told she had Addison's disease.

This is a disease of the Adrenalin gland which keeps the gland from secreting adrenalin into the body.

"When they (the doctors) first told me I had this, I didn't believe them," said Anita. "Then, I began to wonder, 'Why me?' But later, I thought, 'Why not me?' It is never as bad later as it seems at first."

The condition is currently under control with medication, but there is no cure for this disease.

But, Anita learned to adjust to her condition, just as she adjusted to others in her lifetime.

"When the kids were little, we were not living close to my parents, and were in the Air Force, and I had to handle all the care of the kids alone. There were many nights I never went to sleep and some days that I never had time to rest until they went to sleep for a nap in the afternoon, but you learn to adjust. Before I knew it the kids were in their twenties and I was wondering where the time went. I

always enjoyed the kids, though."

Anita said there were times she wondered if she had done the right things as a parent. "At times I was very unsure of myself. But the kids turned out well despite all I did," she laughs.

But, now the kids are gone, and Anita has time to herself. Some of her time is spent playing with her newest toys...woodworking equipment.

The Guests own a radial arm saw, a table saw, drill press, wood lathe, band saw, joiner-planer and a router.

With this much equipment with which to work, any carpenter would be delighted to work with the Guests.

The most challenging project Anita and Jim have undertaken with the woodworking tools is a secretary desk, which adorns the Guest den. "The mitered corners were the hardest thing on the secretary," admits Anita.

Also one of her hobbies is reading. Anita says she spends 2-3 hours daily indulging herself with a good book. Her favorites are historical novels, and especially those dealing with the Tudorian era in England.

Anita said she had always loved to read and that this possibly came from the fact that her mother read to her alot when she was growing up.

But, perhaps Anita's most uncanny ability comes in her talents as a poet.

She began her writing career in the newspaper, as a columnist with the Southern Mediator's Journal, a small paper in Little Rock, and she wrote a column which dealt with the then racially-explosive issue of integration. Anita professed backing, at that time, of the Civil Rights movement, and she said her column was devoted to these issues. But, she ordinarily prefers to write poetry, which might deal with something she has seen or done during the day.

As an example of her writing ability, I asked her for a copy of one of her poems and she gave us this one which is untitled. Here it is: "This was a day I stole from time... Time that has stolen so much from me.

Oh! I was brazen, I plotted my crime Snatching the day, I made off free; What's more, I squandered it, every second

On beautiful, tinselly furbelows I walked down a country lane that beckoned-

I talked to a cow and some thieving crows.

The Calendar has a blank space now The day is gone, just taken and spent; Let time go question the crows and the cow-

I can't repay and I won't repent."

Anita said she wanted to be a writer when she was a child, and planned to write the "Great American Novel" and a poetry book.

But, she also said that there are times when she writes that she must have solitude...with no one to bother her.

In her early years, Anita was taught to be sensitive to others, and these

beliefs have been brought out in her poetry.

"There are some things I don't want people to read, which I have written. There are times you have to write things down that you feel inside, and I don't care to share that part of me with others," Anita said, pondering the situation.

Anita also believes that everyone has to stand for something. She was raised in the Catholic Church but converted to the Baptist Church when she and Jim married.

"If you don't know what you believe in and don't stand for something, then you'll probably fall for anything," said Anita.

In a life so filled with variety, Anita recalled giving birth to the twins as her most unforgettable experience, but also added that marrying Jim was also pretty exceptional also.

"Jim is very supportive of me. No matter what I do, he is on my side and he'll understand my ideas behind something," Anita commented.

There is no question around the Guest home about who is the queen of the home, as Anita Guest is the woman who makes her home a haven of a variety of interests and ideas.

And, while we live in a world of common things, Anita Guest makes us realize it is alright to be uncommon.



TALENTS ARE SHOWING....Anita Guest displays her talents in woodworking as she is shown in front of a secretary desk which she and her husband, Jim, constructed and finished. Anita leads a diversified life filled with a variety of hobbies including her main hobby--writing poetry.

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May we take advantage of the occasion to express our own sentiments and to wish you the compliments of the season. Our thoughts are with our friends and we are hoping for them a grand Christmas and we want this to be the merriest of Christmas greetings.

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## Letters To Santa Claus

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For Christmas I would like for everybody to be happy and safe. I would also like a Space Invaders game, a box of Hardy Boys Mysteries, and a punching bag and some comic books.  
Sincerely, David Stokes

Dear Santa Claus,  
This year, I would like to have a hot cycle and a Chips car set hot wheels set, plus a football and a soccer ball, too, and a gun too plus a pistol to play with and that is all this year.  
Your Friend, Berle Stokes

Dear Santa Claus,  
It is nearly Christmas. I have tried and tried to be good this year. I wish you would bring me a bike, baby and a doll if you can.  
Love, Rosa Lara

Dear Santa,  
It is almost Christmas. I will leave you some milk and a carrot. I have been good. How are you and your reindeer? Thank you for the things you gave me last year. I would like a Slime Monster game.  
Love, Henry Cain Neal

Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas again. I have tried to be good. I just want you to bring me a little car and thank you for the presents last year.  
Love Santa Claus, Rodney Shepherd

Dear Santa Claus,  
It is nearly Christmas. How are you doing? I really, really want a tem u America stub bike and a Simon Says, and a watch.  
Love, Stephen Heard

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you. Please bring me a 4x4 pickup, Star Wars people, and hot wheels.  
Love, Brandon Caldwell

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you. How is Rudolph? Please bring me hot wheels, track, race track.  
Love, John Verner

Dear Santa,  
I am thankful for the things I got last year and I won't a race way game car and a b-b gun.  
Love, Rusty H. Venable

Dear Santa,  
My name is Angela Beauchamp. My mommy's and daddy's names are Mike and Debra. I live in Bovina, Texas. I am five years old and I go to Kindergarten. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. Would you please bring me a "wash me baby doll" and a "make up kit." Please remember my sister Lori and my brother Tony, and all of the other boys and girls. I love you.  
Angela  
P.S. We will leave you milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,  
Its nearly Christmas again. Remember too give others things too. I'll see if I can get cookies and milk. Would you get me a Criss-cross-crash set a AFX set and a new watch.  
Love, Hugo Renteria

Dear Santa,  
I want a combine and a train track. I love you. I am a good boy.  
Love, Abelino Parras

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas. Please bring me a 4x4 pickup and 4x4 bumper track.  
Love, Angel Espinoza

Dear Santa Claus,  
It is nearly Christmas again. I have tried to be good this year. I would like you to bring me a reindeer and a stocking, and remember my brother and sister if you can.  
Love, Margarita Juarez

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you. How is Rudolph? Please bring me a Golden Dream Barbie, bike, Snoopy Snowcone machine.  
Love, Rosalinda Serna

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you. How is Rudolph? Please bring me a wild mountain jeep set, TV, telephone and a 4x4 pickup.  
Love, Ryan Sudderth

Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas again. I am thankful for what you brought me last year. Santa, remember to bring other children gifts. So, bring me a crayon color gift set.  
Love, Gracie Urigas

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lori Beauchamp. My mommy and daddy's names are Debra and Mike. I live in Bovina, Texas and I am three years old. Thank you for the toys you brought last year. Please bring me a "wash me baby doll" and a "make up kit." Please remember my sister Angela and my brother Tony, and all of the other boys and girls.  
I love you,  
Lori  
P.S. I want to stay up and give you a big kiss, but Mommy says I have to go to bed, so I will leave you milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this year. I would like you to bring me a boat, airplane, and a motorcycle race track. How are your reindeer? How are your elves? How is your wife?  
Love, Andy Serna

Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas again, and I want some clothes for Snoopy and Snoopy Bell too. Remember my sister.  
Love, Nita Marshall

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a stove, ice box, microwave, dishwasher and sink. Also please bring me some Miss Piggy snow boots so I can go snow mobiling with my daddy.  
Santa, my brothers, Joshua and Jeremy, need a high chair. I'll share my old one with one of them.  
We all three have been real good, so bring us what ever you feel is right.  
We love you.  
Love, Amber Willard

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll and roller skates. I love you.  
Love, Christina Noriega

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a doll. I love you.  
Love, Liliana Ruvalcaba

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, a doll, and a watch. I love you.  
Love, Mary Reyes

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll and roller skates. I love you.  
Love, Christina Noriega

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you. How is Rudolph? Please bring me a robot, Star Wars, and a truck.  
Love, Jerry Reyna

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you. How is Rudolph? Please bring me a stuffed bear, tv and a calendar.  
Love, Sunshine Stone

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you. How is Rudolph? Please bring me stuffed animals and Pretty Cut and Grow.  
Love, Teresa Stone

Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas. I know you are ready to come, and I am ready for you. You are ready too. You are happy to know that we have been good. How are your reindeer? We celebrate God's birthday on Christmas. God is happy to know we are celebrating his birthday on Christmas.  
Love, Misti Stanton

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll. I love you.  
Love, Veronica Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I want playdough and roll skates and a watch. I love you.  
Love, Olga Cruz

Dear Santa,  
I want a car and a horse. I love you.  
Love, Julio Fuentes

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle, and a doll. I love you.  
Love, Roxanne Castillo

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike. I love you.  
Love, Renato Chaparro

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike. I love you.  
Love, Abel Contreaz

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle, and a doll. I love you.  
Love, Roxanne Castillo

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# Value Of Hometown Newspapers Expressed The Way It Should Be

By JANET WILKE

Have you ever read something and thought to yourself, "Gee, I wish I could have said that."

Well, as I was reading the latest edition of the Tulia Herald, I ran across something I not only wished I had written, but so did editor Wendell Tooley of that newspaper, as it appeared in the Herald's "Quotable Quotes" column.

Here it is:

Troy Martin in The Canyon News: I think that sadder than death in the afternoon has been the passing of the locally owned newspapers in the larger cities of the country.

I think newspapering was at its best and the community was best served in the 1930s and '40s when Gene Howe ran The Amarillo Globe-News and the Whittenburg family had the well-heeled and saucy little Times.

The people who ran them were residents and really cared about Amarillo and the Panhandle.

Howe also owned the Avalanche Journal in Lubbock but he was close enough to be vitally interested in what went on on Broadway in that South Plains Town.

The people who filled key positions on both Amarillo papers were long-time residents.

Of course any business has to make a profit but at various times I worked for both Howe and the Whittenburgs and I know they majored on a good product.

A recent issue of Editor & Publisher revealed that more than 1,000 of the nation's daily newspapers are owned by chains.

The Murdoch chain is an international outfit that might find it easy and sometimes even convenient to view with scant concern not only vital community interests but vital national interests as well.

I can only hope that the Morris and Hearst chains are as interested in the Panhandle and South Plains as they

are in fattening their bank accounts in Atlanta, Augusta, Ga., and New York City.

These two corporate giants control the three most important dailies in this area.

Morris of Augusta owns both the Amarillo and Lubbock papers and Hearst of New York publishes The Plainview Herald.

Has W.S. Morris ever stood on a dusty turnrow and talked to a Panhandle or South Plains farmer? Have any of the Hearsts ever watched the life-giving, clear water flow in ever diminishing quantities from a Hale County irrigation well?

If they haven't, they don't know much about our area and can't be too well prepared to serve it.

It's a far cry from the days when Gene Howe traveled the length and breadth of the land in which his papers had domain gathering tidbits that made him one of the most read, best loved columnists in the state--

The Tactless Texan, better known as Old Tack, the spinner of Panhandle tales and homespun philosophy.

## Baby Boy Is Born To P. Griggses

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Griggs are the parents of a baby boy, born December 9 in West Plains Hospital in Muleshoe.

Phillip Morris, Jr. was born at 12:50 a.m. and weighed five pounds, twelve ounces.

He has an older brother, Henderson, fifteen, and an older sister, Donna, eight.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herron Washington of Muleshoe and Mr. and Mrs. George Haines of Pampa.



**Greetings**

It's nice to have so many friends!  
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## Martinez Home Wins Christmas Lighting Contest

The home of Ruben Martinez won the Bovina Home Decoration Contest. Located at 1106 Avenue D, the house was well lighted with various colors of Christmas lights, and featured a band of angels singing with a manger scene in front of the home as well. And who but ole Saint Nick would be on top of the house, just about to make his decent down the chimney.

Second place was awarded to last year's winner, Sonny Rodriguez. The Rodriguez home was illuminated with a variety of lights on the eaves of the house, as well as in two trees and on shrubs in the front of the house. The home is located at 902 Second Street.

In third place was the home of M.M. (T-Bone) Treinen, which is located at 502 8th Street.

The Treinen home had multicolored lights on the iron work in front of the house, as well as in front of the home on bushes and on the eaves of the house.

Contest chairman Rouel Barron said the turnout for the contest was light this year, and cited the high cost of energy as a possible reason. First place received a cash award of \$35.00. Second place received \$25.00 and third place was \$15.00.



**HAPPY DAY....** The Parmer County History Book was received this week, and members of the book committee have been enjoying handing out the book to those who ordered one. Shown looking at copies of the book are (standing) Betty Rector, Grace Whitefield and Velma Schlenker. Seated are Allo Reeve and Orma Flippin.

## History Book Ready

The Parmer County History Books arrived this week, and distribution of the books has begun at the Congregational Church.

Those who purchased books may pick them up at the church Monday through Wednesday, December 21-23, between the hours of 9 a.m.-12 noon, and 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Then, on December 28-29, the books may be claimed again, during the same hours.

The Parmer County Historical Assn., who produced the book, announces that a few extra copies will be available, and while they last, these will be sold for \$50 each.

The 600-page book is packed with family histories of residents of Parmer County. There is also a section of tribute pages to a number

of residents, living and dead.

At the front of the book is a section giving the history of each community in the county, with a history of every school, both past and present, within Parmer County.

"We are very proud of the book, and extremely happy that it was delivered in time for Christmas. While there may be some errors in the book, we feel that by and large it is something that its owners will cherish and keep for a family heirloom," says Grace Whitefield, co-chairman of the book committee.

Mrs. Whitefield and her late husband Otho were chairmen of the book committee when the project began, and Otho did considerable groundwork on the new volume, which contains a dedication page in his honor.

# Re-Drawing Precinct Lines Is Underway

By JANET WILKE

The Parmer County Commissioners are being faced in the near future with a proposed redistricting plan which will divide the county in disproportionate areas, including splitting the cities of Friona and Bovina.

Beginning January 1, the voters of the county may see their districts being drawn up into new precincts, and with the possibility of having a new commissioner serving them.

Although the proposal has not yet been approved by the Commissioners Court, the commissioners are already seeing problems it might well present.

"Bovina will be losing their commissioner completely if this proposal goes through," commented commissioner Jack Patterson at a recent County Commissioners meeting.

"I just can't see why the county must be so equally proportioned," was a comment from Raymond McGehee, who will take nearly twice as many miles of road over for maintenance after the redistricting is concluded.

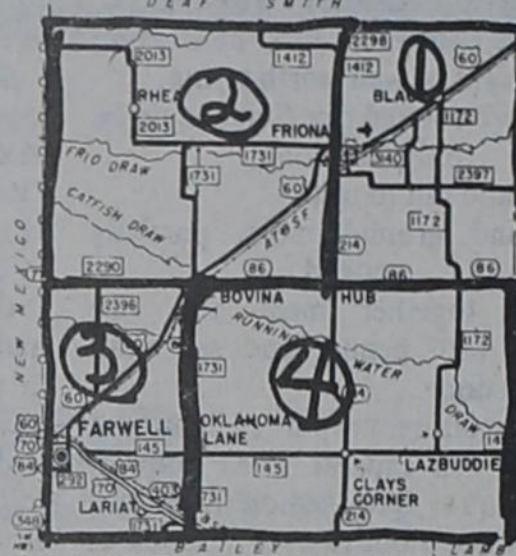
The commissioners can reject the proposed re-alignment, but this will only give them 90 days in which to find an acceptable solution.

The redistricting is being done to comply with federal law, and the Supreme Court's ruling, calling for "one man, one vote," which requires political subdivisions to be equally divided according to population.

"They were wanting our redistricting plan approved by January 1, so that voters may be placed in the proper precincts by the tax assessor-collector. However, as many questions as we have on the proposal, I don't see a way in the world we'll have anything approved by then," said County Judge Porter Roberts.

Under the present precinct lines, Precinct 1 (Friona's precinct) contains virtually half of the county's population. Precinct 4 (Lazbuddie) contains less than 1,000. The redistricting attempt has used an

### Proposed Precinct Changes



"average figure" of 2,700 residents per proposed precinct.

Under the proposal, precinct one (Ernest Anthony) would run from Deaf Smith County line down Highway 214 to Friona and take in the eastern portion of Friona. Then it would run from 214 south to Hub and then east to the Castro County line.

Precinct two (Jack Patterson) would run from 2290 into Bovina but he would not get any of Bovina, as his district would then run east on State Highway 86 to Hub and then north into Friona taking in the western portion of Friona only. Then it would run west on 214 to the Deaf Smith County line.

Precinct three (Archie Tarter) would run from the New Mexico state line to the Bailey County line west and south and then would take in Highway 2290 into Bovina, which would divide the city with McGehee, then it would go down 1731 to the Bailey County line south.

McGehee will see his precinct expand as precinct four would run from the Castro County line west on Highway 86 to Bovina and split Bovina, going from there south on 1731 to Bailey County, taking in Oklahoma Lane. McGehee will have about 1/3 of the entire county's roads to maintain.

The commissioner of precinct one will serve 2865 persons. Precinct two will serve 2736. Precinct three will serve 2763 and precinct four will serve 2647, if the proposal is accepted.

A small portion of Bovina and Friona is to be recounted, to make sure that the same number of persons are still living there as was projected in the redistricting proposal by the attorneys. If the count is the same, the redistricting plan will fit the population division, according to Judge Roberts.

### Fourth Graders

#### Present Program

Fourth graders from Bovina Elementary presented their versions of "The Elves and the Shoemaker," and "What Will the Toys Say?" Monday, December 21, in the high school auditorium.

The following students of Mrs. Sue Fancher's class, played roles in "The Elves and the Shoemaker": Sam Morgan, Shoemaker; Jennifer Beauchamp, Shoemaker's wife; Randy Stone, gentleman; and of course, the Elves: Jerry Johnson, Roselva Anaya, Deanna Salinas, Gabriel Ramos, Vanessa Shepherd, Tonia Chisom, Donnie Lanier, Jose Reyna, Lee Roy Reyes, Sylvia Soto, Gloria Camacho, Luzmila Medrano, Gloria Gomez, and Ricardo Garcia.

Their performance delighted all of the audience and these students did a good job on their play.

Mrs. Virginia Rhodes' class performed the play, "What Will the Toys Say?" and starring in the leading roles were Jimmy Don Gilbreath, the brother; Shonda Trim, the sister; Scott Farrar, Jack-in-the-Box; Marsha Shepherd, the Ragdoll; Charles Stone, the Captain; Billy Marquez, Tony Flores, Lupe Reyes, Eloy Anaya, Rolando Gonzales were the Wooden Soldiers; Libby Marshall, Patti Paperdoll; and Nancy Rodriguez, Tammy Taylor, Julia Camacho, and Maria Arce, the other Paperdolls.

## Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

My name is Larry Rocha. I have tried to be a good boy. I would like to have roller-skates and a bicycle. I live at 900 3rd Street, and I am 10 years old. We have no chimney but use the front door. I wish everyone a merry Christmas.

Love, Larry L. Rocha

Dear Santa,

My name is Jerry Jeff. I'm two years old. I would like to have a hot cycle and a guitar. I have been very good and help my mon around the house. I will leave you some cookies and milk under our tree. Merry Christmas to all.

Love, Jerry Jeff Rocha

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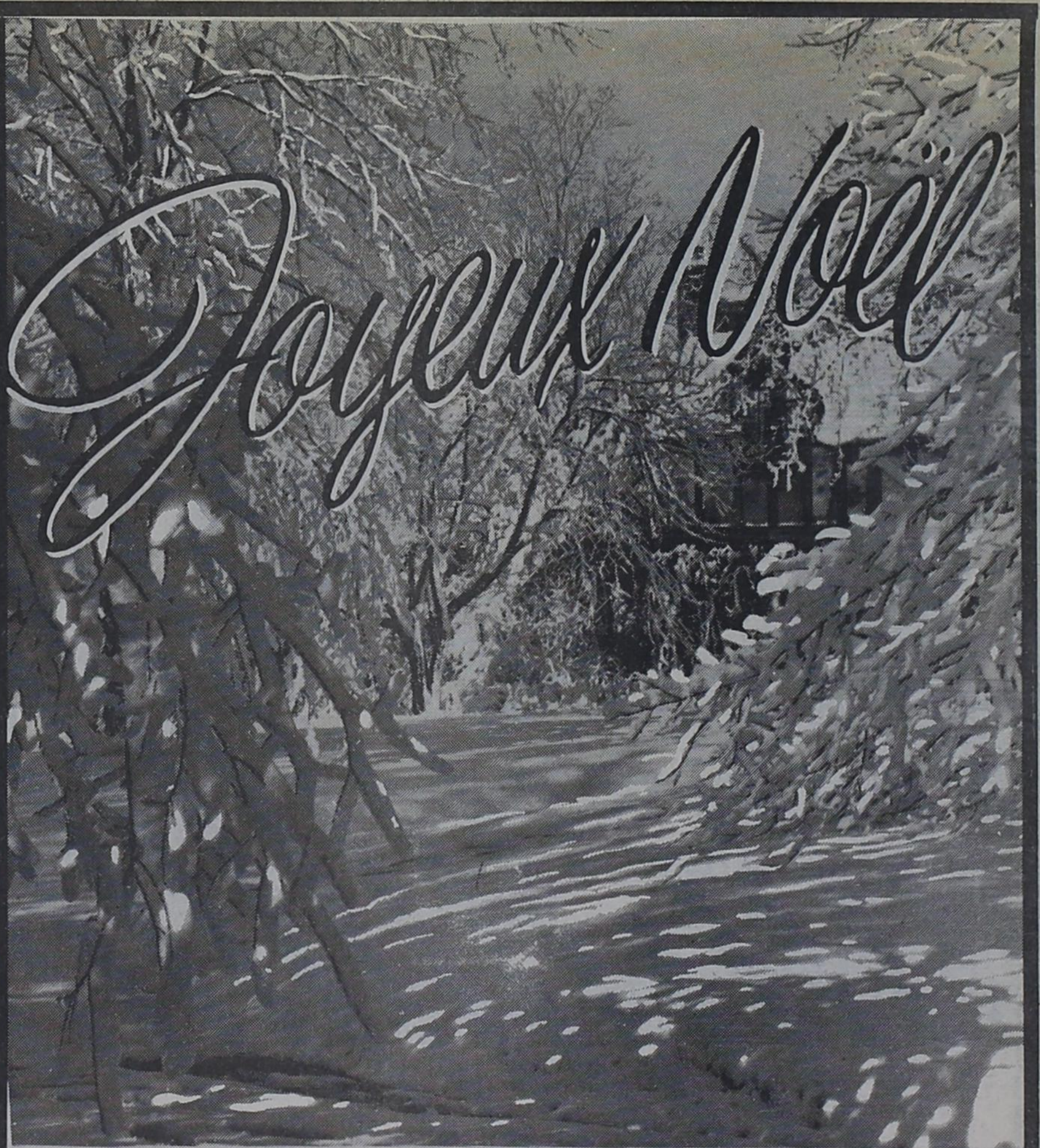
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## Rene Kuper Shares Favorite Lebanese Recipes For Holidays

By JANET WILKE

Bet there are not too many of you who have ever even tasted stuffed grape leaves, much less baklawwa.

Well, Rene Kuper is an expert on Lebanese cooking and she has agreed to share some of the most delectable recipes with us.

A native of Tyre, Lebanon, although being born in Jerusalem, Rene is the oldest of 13 children, and she is a traditional Lebanese cook who holds to the old traditions. But, even so, she admits that she adds America foods, too, like Jello, to her family get-togethers.

Lebanese cooking is a healthful way of eating, as the Lebanese do not use much grease, and they consume only lean beef and lamb as well as using a great many grains in their cooking, such as ground or cracked wheat.

Rene shared several recipes with us, and among those are Stuffed Grape Leaves, Kibbeh, Tabouleh, Little Meat Pies and Baklawwa.

Tabouleh, or salad, is a mixture of several items which can be easily found.

### TABOULEH

Take 1 cup fine ground wheat and soak this for about 20 minutes in 1 1/2 cups water.

Then take 2 good sized bunches of fresh parsley, chopped and stemmed, and 2 bunches of fresh green onions, chopped, add 1 medium sized spring of fresh mint or dried mint, crushed.

Add 1 tablespoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper and the juice of 1/2 lemon. Slice 2 medium tomatoes, and add to this salad oil and 1/2 teaspoon allspice. Cucumbers may be added and are optional.

Mix all the vegetable ingredients together. Drain wheat in colander then take out wheat and rub in palms of hands to drain any excess water.

Mix in wheat, with all other ingredients, as well as oil and allspice. Can garnish with tomatoes, radishes or green pepper rings. Serves several people.

### TURKEY AND STUFFINGS

This is a different kind of stuffing and it might be well worth trying. 1/4 cup pre-cooked rice (but should be only half done)

Pepper and salt to taste  
1/2 pound ground meat, partially cooked

Cook together meat and rice mixture with pepper and salt until partially done.

Stuff mixture into turkey lightly, as the rice will expand when cooked. Brush turkey with lemon juice and drizzle melted butter over it. Cook as usual. Make sure rice is done.

### STUFFED GRAPE LEAVES

1 pound jar of grape leaves  
1 pound ground lean beef  
1 1/2 cups cooked rice  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1 tablespoon Crisco

Mix all together with hands, knead until thoroughly mixed.

Wash grape leaves very well in hot water to remove sour taste. These will come in brine water and they must be well rinsed. Cut stems off leaves and roll out flat.

Add teaspoon of the mixture in the leaves and fold the outer edges carefully first, then begin rolling the leaves from the bottom to the tip of the leaves. Place in pan and add chicken broth to cook these in. Cook this one hour at medium heat on the stove top, not in the oven. Open after awhile to check the doneness of the rice.

Squeeze lemon juice over leaves prior to serving.

### LITTLE MEAT PIES

Filling:

1 pound ground meat (round)  
Medium onion, chopped  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon parsley flakes  
2 tablespoons pinon nuts (optional, hard to find)

1/2 teaspoon pepper  
Sauté all above ingredients together. Make pastry:

1/2 cup shortening  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup cold water

Combine and knead until smooth, make pastry as for pie as usual. Cut in circles with biscuit cutter. Place meat filling in circle by teaspoonfuls and seal the outside of the pastry by folding over and crimping the edges. Brush with milk. Bake for 15 minutes at 425 degrees, or until golden brown.

Rene said that one of the favorite beverages in Lebanon is plain, old lemonade, but not from a mix. The kind that comes from real lemon juice, water and sugar.

Another beverage favorite is the following:

### ANIS CINNAMON TEA

1 cup water  
1 teaspoon aniseed  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 tablespoon lemon  
1 tablespoon honey  
Few slivers of blanched almonds

Combine all the above ingredients, except for almonds, in pan and bring to a boil, lower heat and simmer five minutes. Strain and serve with almonds.

This recipe is a delightful crispy dessert which will become a tradition with your family.

### BAKLAVA

Filo dough pastry leaves-1 lb. box  
2 cups finely chopped pecans or walnuts  
1 pound unsalted sweet butter

Soft paint brush, which will not shed

### Stuffing:

2 tablespoons sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cloves  
1 tablespoon Rosewater

Mix all together and set aside:  
Syrup, make and set aside

2 cups sugar  
1 cup water

Combine water and sugar and let it come to a boil, and add juice of 1/2 lemon the moment the boiling stops. Take the mixture off the fire at the boiling point and add Rosewater also.

Melt the butter but be careful not to scorch it. Spread a 9x13 inch pan with butter and fold in eight layers of filo dough, brushing each layer with melted butter.

Sprinkle stuffing over the eighth layer, then top that with four more layers of filo buttering each leaf, then repeat with the stuffing, and four more layers until all filo and stuffing are used. Use 4-6 sheets of filo on top layer.

Carefully before baking, cut 6 cross cuts in the layers with a sharp knife. Then make adjacent cuts at an angle so the shapes will be of little diamonds.

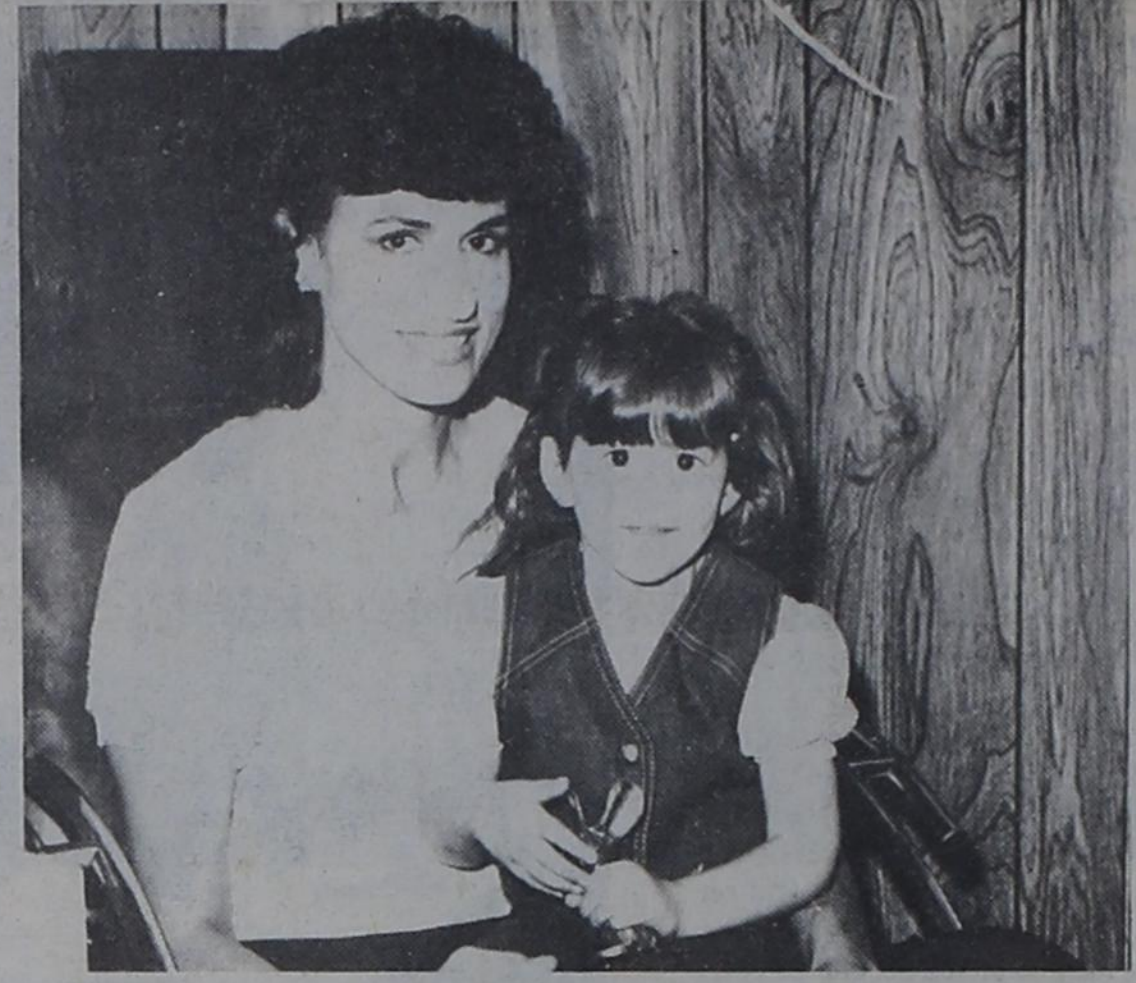
Bake at 300 degrees for one hour. The top will be golden brown but be careful not to let it burn.

Pour either cool syrup on hot Baklava or hot syrup on cooled Baklava, after baking. Be sure it is one or the other, as the syrup will crystallize if you pour cold on cold.

Slowly pour on the syrup as it has a tendency to boil over the pan when hot.

This can be frozen, and it is a great Christmas brunch idea.

Rene said she has gotten good quality items from Nayphe's International Foods, 7519 North May Ave., Oklahoma City, Ok. 73116. It takes one day to get these ordered items in by bus.



RENE KUPER AND CHRISTINA....Rene Kuper and daughter, Christina, shared several recipes from the Lebanese culture with the Blade readers for a special Christmas gala dinner, Lebanese style.



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Dear Santa Claus,

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I will leave some cake and milk for you. Will you get me a camera. I want it very much.

Love, Margaret Salazar

Dear Santa,

I want a gymnastics pad and a Monopoly game. And, please have something for my little sister she's been very good. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Michelle Stanberry

Dear Santa,

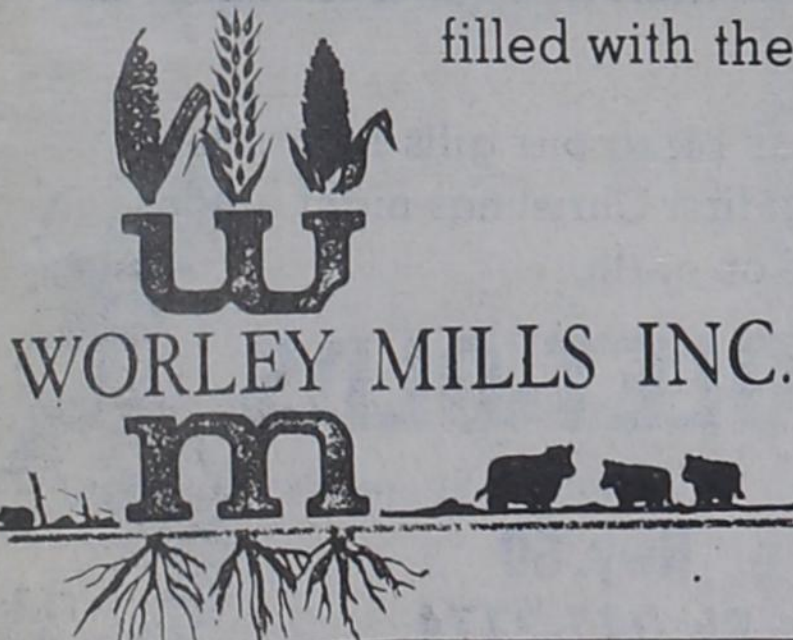
I want a Tippy Toes Doll, Pretty Cut and Grow Doll, Trust Me game, Musical Magical Thing, Merlin, and a real nice ring for my teacher. I will leave some cake, pie, cookies and some milk.

Love, Christy Scott

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Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas again. I have tried to bring me new shoes, a doll and a knife, if you can and a motorcycle.  
Love, Cori

Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas again. I would like to bring me a Barbie house and a teddy bear. I want you to bring me something, too.  
Love, Daphne Niles

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle.  
Love, Juan

Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas again. I would like to remember my brother. I would like a blanket, a baby soft sound machine or some new shoes. You have them. How about you?  
Love, Miss

Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas. We celebrate because it is God's birthday. And, Santa can you bring me a bike and little cars?  
Love, Mar

Dear Santa,  
It is almost Christmas again. Is Rudolph guide your sleigh Christmas night? I to be good this year. I like a wrist watch. Gribbit game if you can.  
You  
Corey K

Dear Santa,  
How are your wives? Is Rudolph Santa? How are you? My sister wants a dog and I want a dog. I more thing to say.  
Love, Cr

Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas. I am thankful for give us. How are Snowman, and How are you doing wife? Well, I think but I would like Christmas by Santa.  
Love, John

Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas again. I have tried I am thankful for last year. And, I would like a bike, and a kitter.  
Love, Brandon

Dear Santa,  
I will leave cookies when you will try to be good. I am thankful for brought me last year. I like you to bring a doll and roller skis.  
Love, JoAnn

Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas again. I have tried this year. I would bring me a truck, and a gun, if you can.  
Love, R

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle. I love it.  
Mor

Dear Santa,  
I want roller skis. I love motorcycle. I love it.  
Love, Ja

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sam. I am 1 year old. I have a teddy bear. I like to have a tip. And I wish every Christmas.  
Love, Sarah

Dear Santa,  
My name is 6 months old and good boy. I have a teddy bear. I love mine. I grandmother Christmas. I live Street with my grandparents.  
Love,



**Letters To Santa Claus**

Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas again. I have tried to be good this year. I would like you to bring me new shoes, a B-B gun and a knife, if you can.  
Love, Corky Brito

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am thankful for the doll you gave me last year. I will leave you a snack. Will you bring me a big doll with a bottle?  
Love, Kathy Contreras

Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas again. I have tried to be good this year. I like you and your reindeer. Will you bring me a foot and pickip?  
Love, Kory Mitchell

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and cars and roller skates. I love you.  
Love, Martin Guerrero

Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas. I have tried to be good this year. I would like you to bring me a doll and a Barbie and a Barbie house and I want you to bring my brother something, too.  
Love, Daphne Nicole Barrett

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a doll. I love you.  
Love, Elena Patterson

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a bike. I love you.  
Love, Hilda Zamora

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a bike. I love you.  
Love, Sophia Espinoza

Dear Santa,  
I want cars and a motorcycle.  
Love, Juan Gomez

Dear Santa Claus,  
It is nearly Christmas again. I would like for you to remember my brother. He would like a blanket. I would like a baby soft sounds if you have it or some new shoes if you have them. How are you Santa?  
Love, Missy Sherrill

Dear Santa,  
It is nearly Christmas and we celebrate Christmas because it is God's Birthday. And, Santa can you please bring me a bike and some little cars?  
Love, Martin Meza

Dear Santa,  
It is almost Christmas again. Is Rudolph going to guide your sleigh on Christmas night? I have tried to be good this year. I would like a wrist watch and a Gribbit game if you can.  
Your Friend,  
Corey Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa,  
How are your wife and the elves? Is Rudolph still there, Santa? How are you, Santa? My sister wants a tippy toes, and I want a dog. I have one more thing to say, I love you.  
Love, Crystal Trim

Dear Santa Claus,  
It is nearly Christmas. I am thankful for what you give us. How are Frosty the Snowman, and Rudolph? How are you doing and your wife? Well, I think that's all, but I would like a watch for Christmas by Santa Claus.  
Love, John Ortiz, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,  
It is nearly Christmas again. Have tried to be good. I am thankful for the toys last year. And, this year. And, I would like a football, a bike, and a kitten.  
Love, Brandon Williams

Dear Santa,  
I will leave you some cookies when you get here. I will try to be good this year. I am thankful for what you brought me last year. I would like you to bring me a Barbie doll and roller skates.  
Love, JoAnn Winegeart

Dear Santa Claus,  
It is nearly Christmas again. I have tried to be good this year. I would like you to bring me a truck, and a car, and a gun, if you can.  
Love, Roy Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a motorcycle. I love you.  
Monica Segovia

Dear Santa,  
I want roller skates and a motorcycle. I love you.  
Love, Jaime Fuentes

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sarah Jean. I am 1 year old. This is my very first Christmas. I would like to have a tippy-toes doll. And I wish everyone a merry Christmas.  
Love, Sarah Jean Rocha

Dear Santa,  
My name is Cliff. I'm 4 months old and have been a good boy. I would like to have a teddy bear and some clothes (I'm out growing mine). I want my grandmother and grandfather Rocha a merry Christmas. I live at 900 3rd Street with my mom and grandparents.  
Love, Cliff Rocha

**Comptroller To Issue LPG Decals**

State Comptroller Bob Bullock announced that representatives from his Lubbock and Plainview offices will be in area towns during the next two weeks issuing 1982 liquified gas (LG) fuel decals.  
Comptroller's representatives will be at the courthouses from 9 to 4 p.m. in the following towns: December 21--Plains, Dickens and Muleshoe; December 22--Seminole and Crosbyton; December 23--

Littlefield; December 28--Morton, Brownfield and Jayton; December 29--Post, Levelland and Tahoka; December 30--Lamesa, Floydada and Dimmitt; December 31--Farwell, Silvertown (9 a.m. until noon) and Matador (1-4 p.m.).  
Bullock said recent changes in the LG fuel law will permit his office to tax vehicles on both weight and mileage and decals should cost less for those who drive fewer miles.

LG fuel users must bring the renewal notice they recently received in the mail as well as the current mileage of their vehicle to the courthouse, to take advantage of this change. If they did not receive a renewal notice, they may contact the Comptroller's office in Lubbock at (806) 795-0691 or Plainview at (806) 293-5288 for assistance, or call the Comptroller's toll free number 1-800-252-5555.



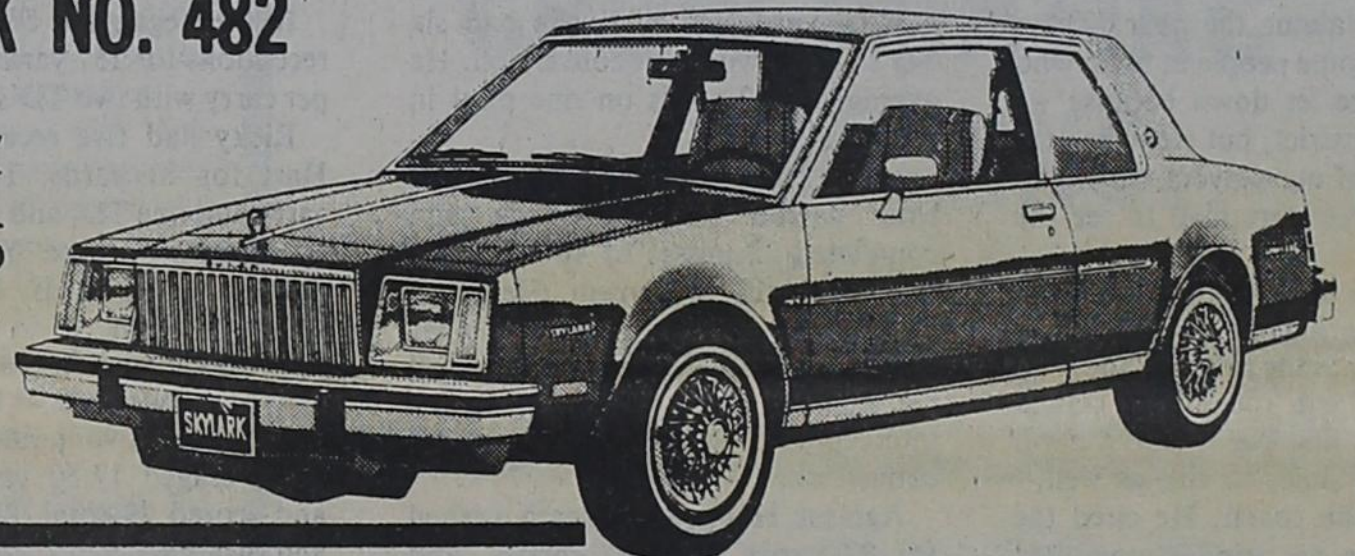
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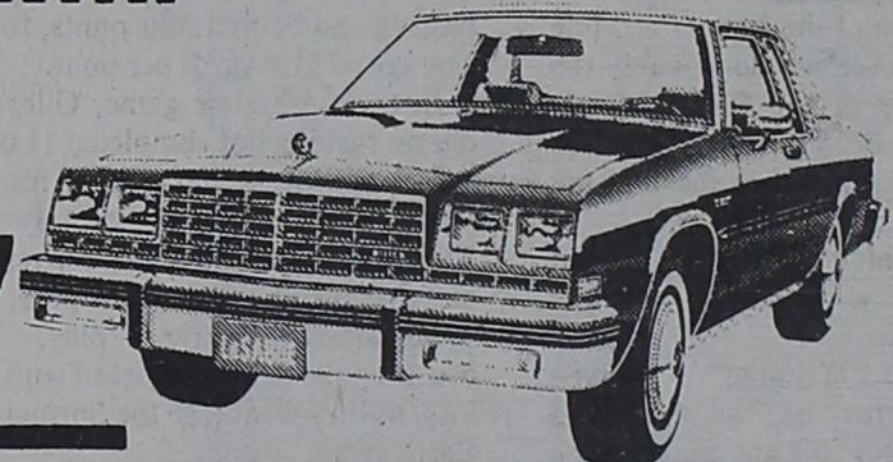
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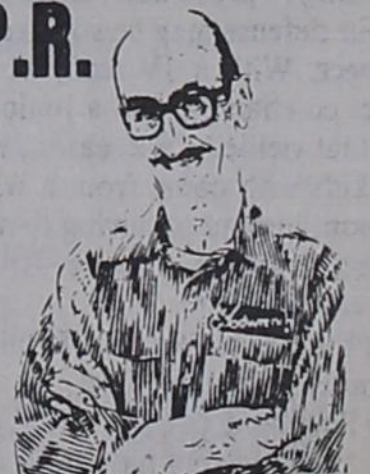
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**Santa Letters**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie horse named Dallas. And I also want a big doll that walks and some red and blue dars so when Don or anyone else comes over we can play with six darts.  
And, my dog, Brandy would like some milkbones. And, I hope you will give our cats something too. See you later.

Love, Karen Karvonen

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a Barbie doll, Tippy Toes doll and a bike. I will wait for you in Christmas with my presents.

Love, Cris Esparza

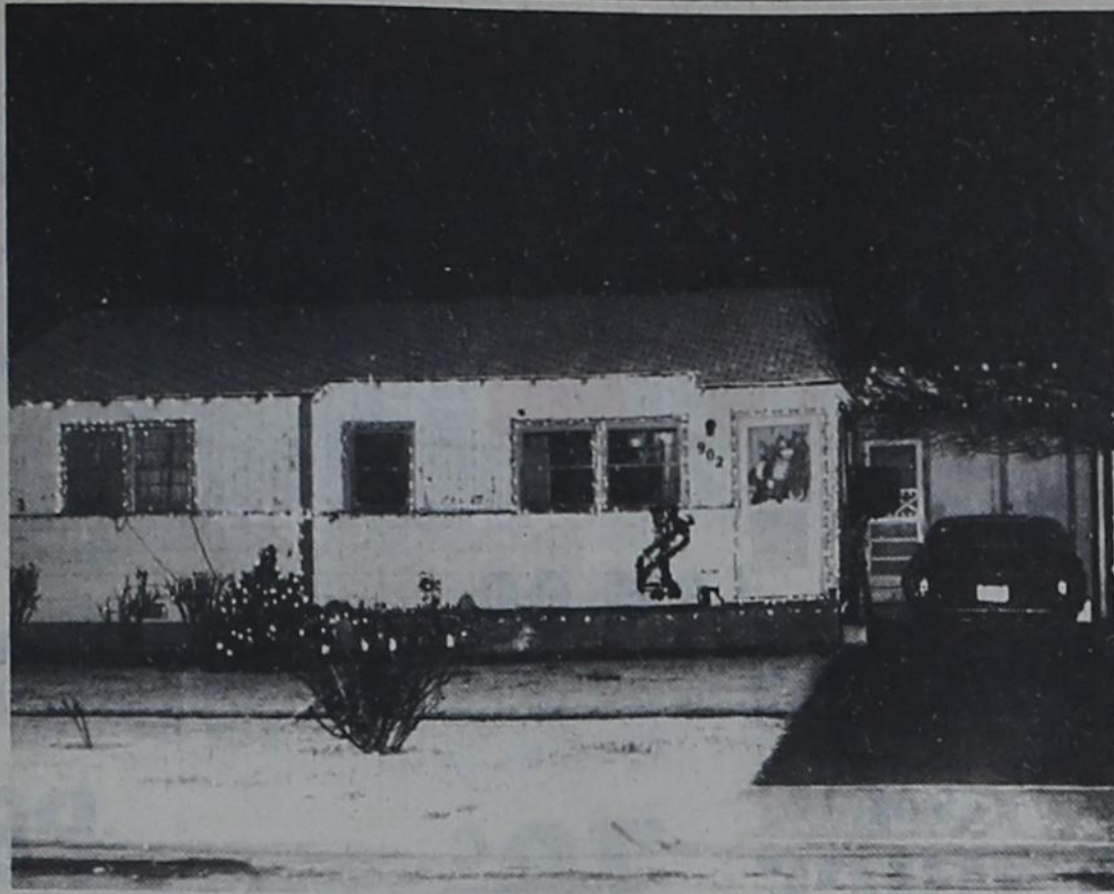
**A Child's Christmas In Italy**

Italian children have to wait until the Feast of the Epiphany, on January 6th, to receive their gifts.

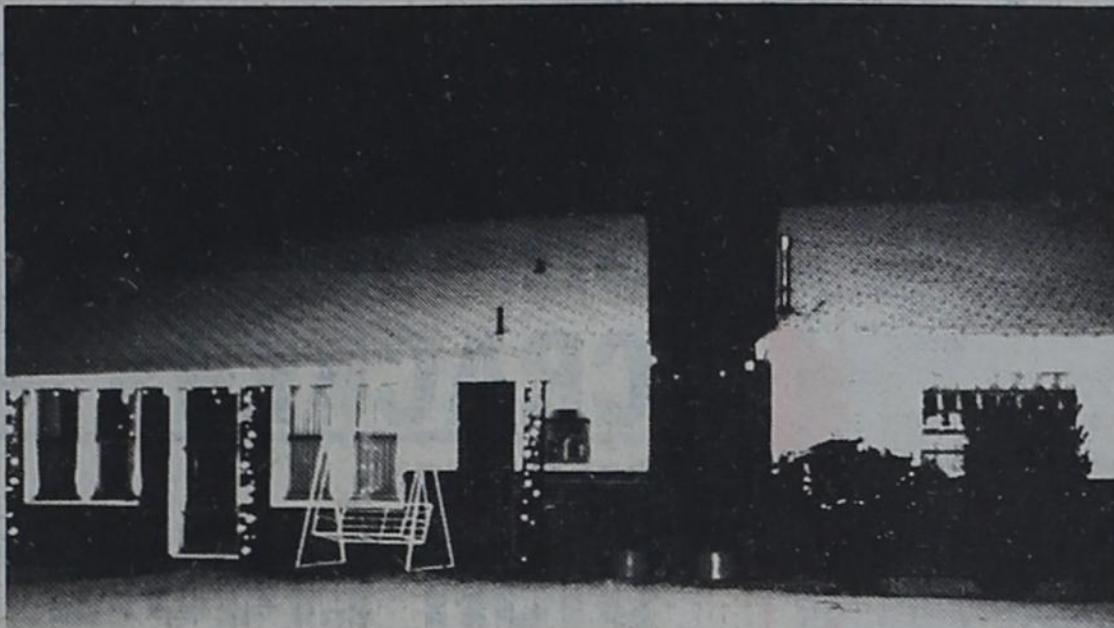
Instead of a visit from Santa Claus, children in Italy are visited by La Befana at that time.

Something of a witch, La Befana had the misfortune of not being able to find the Christ Child on the first Christmas, even though she had been told all about the star of Bethlehem by the shepherds. It seems that she waited too long and missed the star, and ever after she has wandered in search of the Baby Jesus at Christmas time.

She leaves gifts at each house in Italy, in hopes that the Christ Child may be sheltered there.



**A CLOSE SECOND.....**The home of Sonny Rodriguez at 902 Second Street won first place last year in the Bovina Lions Club Christmas Home Decoration Contest, but settled for second place this year. Multicolored lights and a Santa Claus greeting visitors at the door were featured at the house.



**T-BONE'S PLACE....**The home of T-Bone Treinen placed third in the Bovina Lions Club Home Decoration Contest. Featured were lights on the ironwork in front of the house as well as on the shrubs.

**Football....**

(Continued from Page 10)

Bovina won six games, lost three games and tied one game.

Some of the unsung heroes in football are those who play on defense, as well as those who play as offensive lineman.

These people never really get the credit they deserve.

In 40 quarters of football, Ricky Shepherd had 25 assists and 25 unassisted tackles and averaged five tackles per game. He had three interceptions and recovered one fumble.

In 40 quarters of football this season, Doyle Garner had three unassisted and 17 assisted tackles with an average of two per game for a total of 20.

Tim Grissom played 10 games and had two assisted tackles. Mark Teague played 10 games and made nine unassisted tackles and 52 assisted tackles for 61, and recovered one fumble.

Tad Mayfield had 20 unassisted tackles and 120 assisted tackles in ten games for an average of 14 per game with two interceptions.

Edward Chisom had five unassisted and 11 assisted tackles for 16 in 10 games.

Brad Heflin had 10 unassisted and 51 assisted tackles in 10 games for a total of 61 and recovered one fumble.

Charlie Trimble had 11 unassisted tackles and 49 assisted tackles in the 10 games.

Victor Robeldo had 28 unassisted tackles and 86 assisted tackles for 114 on the year with one interception and four recovered fumbles.

Tom Landry made 18 unassisted and 73 assisted tackles for the year for 91 and recovered four fumbles.

Marty McCowan had 16 unassisted and 86 assisted tackles for the year for 102 total, and had one quarterback sack, and four recovered fumbles.

Bill Lowe made two unassisted tackles and seven assisted tackles for nine total in ten games.

Dale Gilbreath made one unassisted tackle, while Jon Riddle had 28 unassisted and 67 assisted tackles and five fumble recoveries.

Joe Black came up with five unassisted tackles and seven assisted ones for 12 tackles in 10 games, and he picked off one interception.

Joe Pat Wright had 24 unassisted and 70 assisted tackles in 40 quarters of football this fall, and totaled 94 combined, with two interceptions picked off and recovered two fumbles.

Richard Shepherd had 23 unassisted tackles and 17 assisted ones for a total of 40, and picked off five intercepted passes.

Jose Gomez played 13 quarters of football this season, and made one unassisted and three assisted tackles and had one quarterback sack.

Mark Clayton, who played in 21 quarters of football on varsity, had one unassisted and 16 assisted tackles, and Eddie Culunga played three quarters of football on varsity and racked up two unassisted and three assisted tackles and one quarterback sack.



**JACK-IN-THE-BOX....**Scott Farrar, the Jack-in-the-Box, pops up and surprises the others in the cast of "What Will the Toys Say?", a play presented by Mrs. Virginia Rhodes' fourth grade class.



...to you and yours this happy holiday season. Thank you for your patronage.

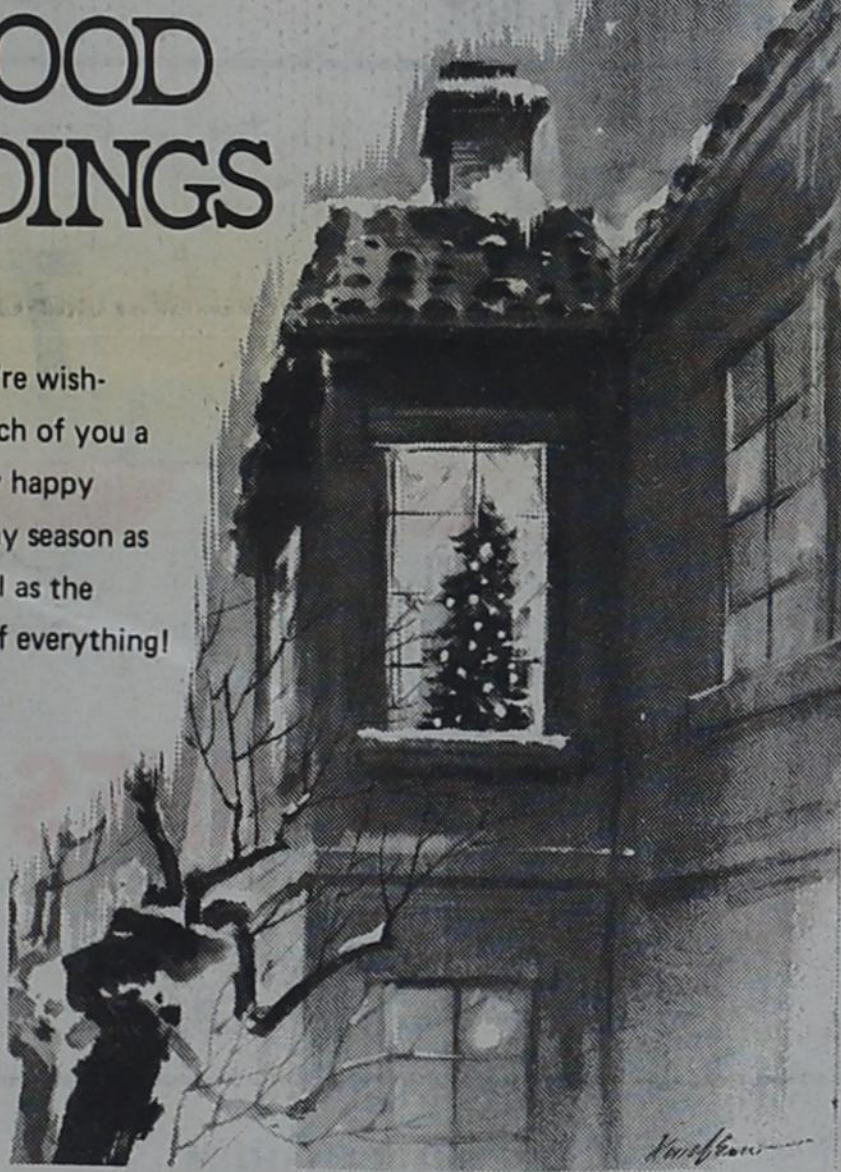
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**Letters To Santa Claus**

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Love, Candy Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you. How is Rudolph? Please bring me Strawberry Shortcake doll, chalk board, pom poms.

Love, Sylvia Juarez

**Blade To Skip Dec. 30 Issue**

The Bovina Blade, which is publishing a larger than usual holiday issue this week, will not publish next Wednesday, December 30.

The next issue will be out January 6, 1982.

**'Twas The Night Before Christmas, Revised....**

*'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house...  
Not a creature was stirring, Not even a mouse.  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care-  
Except it was odd, with no chimney there...  
The IRS had come and taken our chimney away,  
And the mouse had moved to a better place to stay.*

*The children were all sleeping, upstairs in their bed-  
But they were not snug, as they had no spread.  
The collectors had come early, and left us with nothing to spare-  
Not a comb, or a toothbrush, or ribbons for the hair.*

*But, we scrimped and saved, as hard as it was  
So we could purchase a few toys for our girls and boys.  
So we took our meager savings down to the store,  
But were shocked to realize it wouldn't get us through the door.  
But, nevertheless, we bought what we could--  
We knew the kids understood.  
With inflation, taxes, house payments, and bills,  
Somebody had to come out short on the deal.*

*The high cost of living was getting our goats....  
It gets pretty chilly around here without a coat.  
So we went to the local bank, hoping to lift our spirits-  
But they all just laughed and said, "We don't want to hear it!"*

*At last, we sat down before our table so bare,  
Hoping to find a little food on there.  
Just then, the kids heard a sound, just overhead....  
And rushed to the windows to find a note that said:  
"So sorry, Santa didn't make it down here.  
"You guys will just have to wait until next year."*

By Janet Wilke

**NOEL**



Joy to the world, the Lord has come! May peace on earth become a reality at this holy time.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
To The Cotton Producers  
From, Bernice, Arlin and Roy Hartzog  
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**Bovina Gin Company**

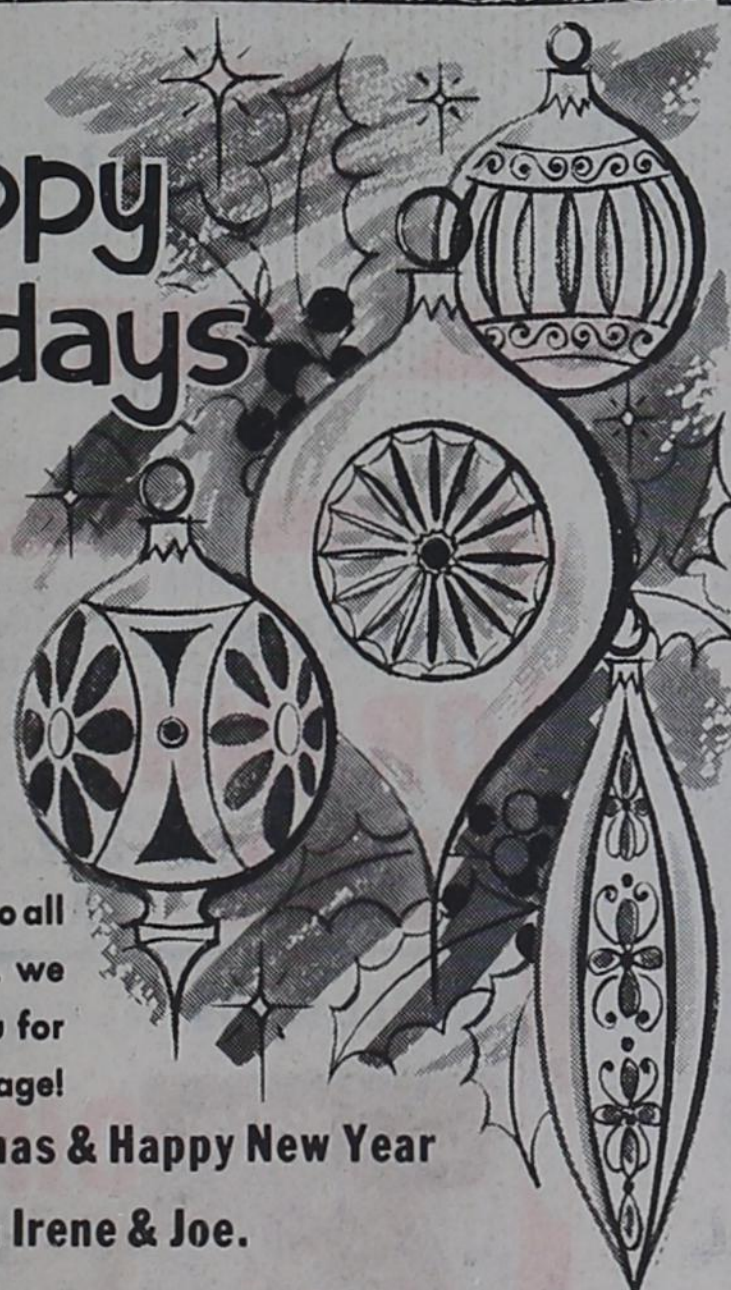
**Happy Holidays**

Greetings to all our friends... we thank you for your patronage!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

From Irene & Joe.

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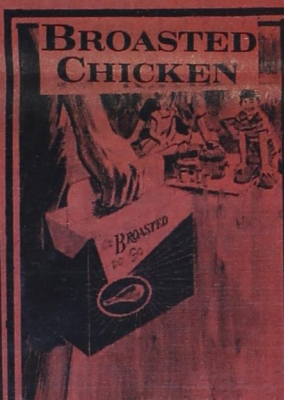
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# The Bovina Blade

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## Newsmakers For 1981 Are Given

### Residents Help Make '81 News

**JANUARY**  
New officers for the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department were selected and they are as follows: James Ritchie, chief; Weldon Moody, assistant chief; Bruce Caldwell, secretary/treasurer; Ronnie Sudderth, captain number 1; Raymond Rocha, captain number 2; Pat Kunselman, lieutenant number 1; Randall Ritchie, lieutenant number 2; Larry Mitchell, training officer; Mike Spears and Chip Grissom, custodians; and Odie White, cook.

One additional dispatcher was approved by the County Commissioners for the sheriff's office. The commissioners amended the budget, \$6,300, to allow for the additional personnel.

Karen Schilling, Karen Hughes, Kathy Williams, Lisa Shepherd, Juanita Serna, Lynn Read, Harvey Shepherd, Dale Turner, Ricky Shepherd and Lee Reyna were all selected as Homecoming candidates for the basketball season. They were informed of the winner at the ceremonies during the Bovina-Kress game. Karen Schilling and Harvey Shepherd were the reigning royalty at the game. The Bovina boys beat Kress 66-44, but the Fillies were ousted by one point, 60-59. Ricky Shepherd and Gabriel Guevara were named to Class AA's All-South Plains football roster. Dale Gilbreath received honorable mention.

Ricky Shepherd, Mary Meza; sophomores, Karl Willard, Lisa Schilling; freshmen, Rebecca Hodnett and Stephen McClaran.

Several Bovina livestock exhibitors showed well in the Parmer County Stock Show, with Casey Riddle earning herself a second Grand Championship with her Suffolk lamb, which also took top honors at the Bovina Show. Also placing from Bovina were Cap Naegle, reserve champion lamb; Tracy Moore, reserve champ Hampshire lamb; Denver Riddle, reserve champion fine wool cross lamb; Matt Howell, breed champion Duroc; Charlie Trimble, breed champion Hampshire; and Charlie Trimble, second place mediumweight and third place heavyweight steers.

Commissioners awarded a new motor grader to Precinct 4, at the cost of \$46,879.32, with exchange.

**MARCH**

Kathy Williams was named to the All-District team in basketball from Bovina. Receiving honorable mention for the team from Bovina were Karen Schilling, Lisa Shepherd and Lynnette Bentley. Named on the boys All-District team from Bovina were Harvey and Rickey Shepherd.

A county child welfare board was set up for Parmer County in March 1981, in which unloved, abused and/or neglected children could be



TOP HONORS....Mary Richards and Billy Whitecotton received the "Woman and Man of the Year" plaques from the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at its annual banquet.



YOUTH AWARDS....Dale Turner and Kathy Williams were honored as the "Outstanding Young People" at the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet. Both students are very active at BHS.

given a way out of a bad environment. It brought acclaim from Judge Porter Roberts and met with approval from many of the area churches and other organizations.

New Chamber of Commerce directors were elected and they included: Kenneth Gauntt, president; Bobby Marshall, vice president; Scooter Russell, secretary; Steve Sherrill, manager; members, Larry Scott, Harry Johnson, Suezy Smith, Julia Moody, Dennis Willard and holdover members, Monta McClaran, Billy J. Charles, Galen Hromas, Virgie Cary, Kenneth Gauntt, Mac Glasscock, Steve Sherrill, Scooter Russell and Norma Whitten.

A group of twenty reserve deputies for Parmer County was approved by the County Commissioners after a suggestion by Sheriff Bill Morgan of this possibility. Mary Richards and Billy Whitecotton were named the Bovina Chamber of Commerce's "Woman and Man of the Year" at the annual Chamber Banquet. Frances Willard was named "Teacher of the Year," and Dale Turner and Kathy Williams were named as Bovina's "Outstanding Young People."

Kelli Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mitchell of Bovina, was named as the South Plains March of Dimes Poster Child for the year.

**APRIL**

Dean Hastings, long-time Santa Fe



TEACHER AWARD...Francis Willard, junior high and high school math teacher, was named "Outstanding Teacher."

agent in Bovina, stepped down and handed the reigns to W.W. Simms, after 39 years. Simms has been with Santa Fe for the past 35 years.

The Bovina High School one-act play won district honors in UIL and all the cast members were named to the All-Star cast. Robbie Moody was named Best Actor. The play was "Antic Spring," and cast members included Moody, Laurie Miller, Darla Morris, Andy Alexander, Pam Spring and Mark Clayton. Crew members included Harvey Shepherd, Kevin Hughes and Clara Koelzer.

Daryl and Karen Kirkpatrick opened their family department store, "Kirkpatrick's," and were ready for business on April 25. The store was located at 301 Third Street and among the items which can be purchased included several novel gift items, clothing for the entire family and a large selection of fine tableware. Daryl and Karen both grew up in Bovina and have contributed to the fine community here.

The Bovina Supermarket, under the ownership of Billy Whitecotton and Billy Smith, celebrated its ninth anniversary. The pair opened the store in 1972 and were former owners of the Super Saveway Store on Main Street.

**MAY**

Junior High School honor students were named and among those were Gina Cathline Moore, valedictorian, Casey Dee Riddle, salutatorian, with Sonya Mayfield, Tommy Hutto, Misti Boozer and Tami Nabors also ranking students.

Auther Judd was named as the new minister of the Bovina Church of Christ. He is to begin his duties here on July 1 and is formerly of Bosque Farms, N.M.

Valedictorian Kathy Williams and salutatorian Karen Schilling led their class down the aisles of Bovina High School for the last time, as graduation for BHS was held May 29.



APPRECIATION RECEPTION...Former Parmer County Sheriff Charles Lovelace was honored at an appreciation reception on Sunday, February 1 in Farwell. Lovelace had held the office for 32 years. Shown with Lovelace is his wife, Frances and son, Johnny Lovelace of Richardson.

**FEBRUARY**

Longtime Parmer County Sheriff, Charlie Lovelace, was honored by 250 friends, associates and neighbors at Farwell. He was Parmer County Sheriff for 32 years and the reception was set up in his honor by the sheriff's department. Persons from Curry County, N.M. also attended the event.

Outstanding Bovina High School students were named and among those were: Karen Schilling, Miss BHS; Harvey Shepherd, Mr. BHS; Class favorites: Edward Alonzo and Karen Hughes, seniors; Charlie Trimble and Wendy Sherrill, juniors; Joe Black and Lisa Schilling, sophomores; Richard Shepherd and Angela Reyes, freshmen; Best All-Around seniors: Tim Garner and Karen Schilling, juniors; Brad Heflin and Wendy Sherrill; sophomores: Dale Gilbreath and Lisa Schilling; freshmen, Stacey Whitecotton and Henderson Griggs.

Wittiest seniors: Kevin Hughes, Lauri Miller; juniors: Tim Grissom, Donna Beth Lide; sophomores: Andy Alexander, Susan Fancher; freshmen: Sonya Reyna and Randee Cupit. Best dressed: seniors, Dale Turner, Laurie Miller; juniors, Tad Mayfield, Jeanna Richards; sophomores, Joe Pat Wright, Patti Sherrill; freshmen, Rebecca Hodnett and Mark Clayton. Most Likely to Succeed: seniors, Tim Garner, Karen Hughes; juniors,



CALF SCRAMBLE WINNERS....Charles Johnson of Bovina was a winner in the Calf Scramble at the March 7, 1981 performance of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Charles won a \$400 calf purchase certificate donated by Diamond Sheet Metal and will use it toward the purchase of a registered calf. Shown together following the scramble are Billy Johnson and Charles Johnson, winner, Dee Biscamp and Earnest Biscamp, sponsor.

Other top ranking students included Karen Hughes, Darla Morris, Pam Spring and Fonda Griffin.

**JUNE**

Marie Kriegel was honored at an awards ceremony for her 20 years of service to the teaching profession in Bovina schools.

David Steelman, BHS graduate of 1979, was killed in an automobile accident. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie G. Steelman. Kevin Hughes was also involved in the accident.

Thirty-two Bovina young people attended the Baptist Churches General Convention, "Super Summer West" and Preston Nix, youth director of the church said all the young people had a good time.

J.L. Bass and his wife, Flaura, have moved to Bovina and Rev. Bass has taken over the pastorate of the First Baptist Church.

Two new teachers were added to Bovina school and they are v-o-ag teacher Jack Dillard and coach Robert Ulibarri. The new teachers come from Happy, Texas and Clovis, N.M., respectively.

An alcohol plant was waiting to gain tax exempted status but had backing from several residents and a big story was given on the progress of the project by Guy Austin, who is a member of the board of directors of Grain Producers, Inc., which is the cooperative that is funding the plant.

**JULY**

Rabies was found in a badger in Bovina and the family members were forced to take rabies shots to avoid the disease.

Wheat harvest neared its

conclusion with the harvest looking good in this area.

Mark Teague, Ricky Shepherd, Tad Mayfield and Brad Heflin were named as captains for the Bovina Mustangs football team for the upcoming season, according to head coach Paul Topliff. The Mustangs had twelve seniors returning to the team and were picked by many as the top team in the district.

Bull Town Days plans progressed with the naming of committees and their chairmen. Billy Charles headed the food committee with other committee heads to be named later.

Suezy Smith, parade chairman, said the theme for the 1981 Bull Town Days parade was "Small Town, USA" and a deadline for entries was set for August 1 by the parade organizers.

Flossie Rhinehart was awarded a 25 year service pin by the United States Postal Service, and she was recognized for her 25 years of devoted and dedicated service by Postmaster Gene Ezell.

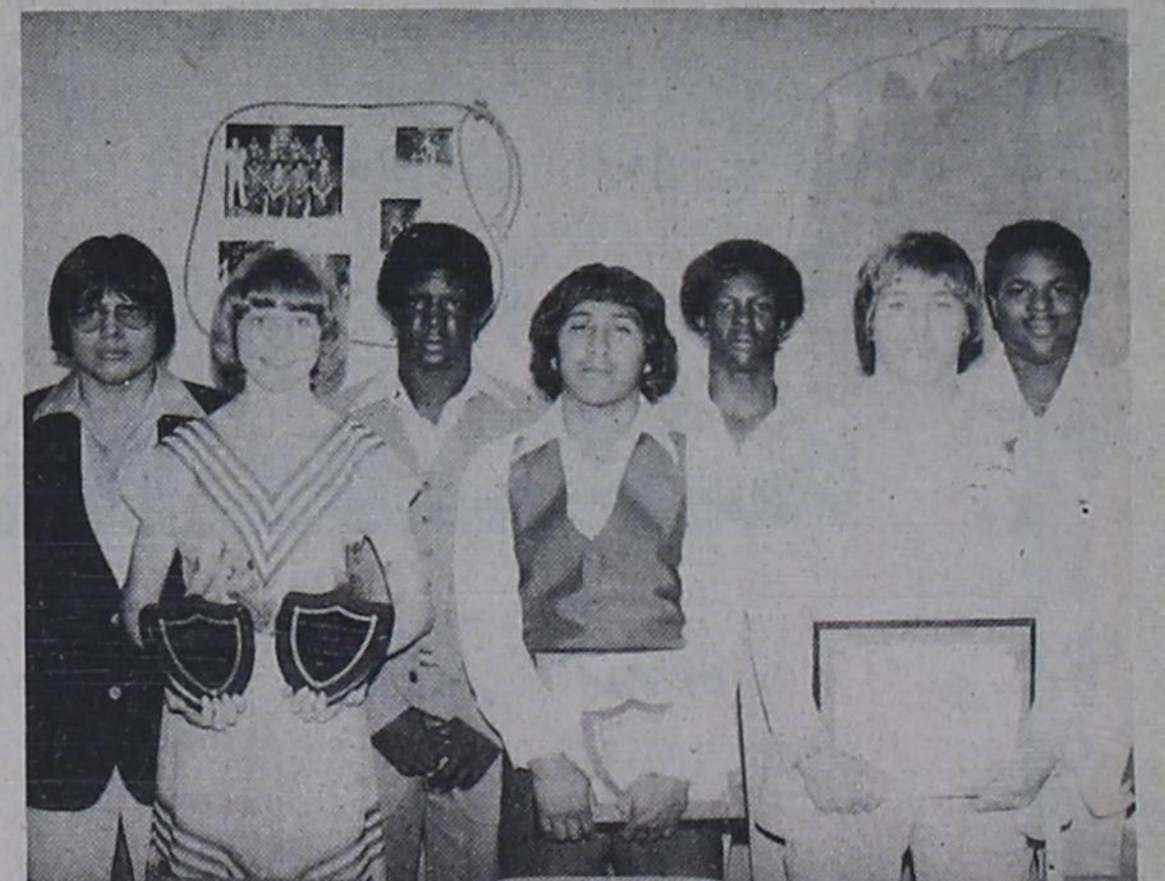
**AUGUST**

Bull Town Days celebration was a success, due in part by the efforts of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and the many individuals who worked so hard to make it a success.

Longtime sheriff in Parmer County, Charles B. Lovelace, died August 5 in Farwell. He served the residents of Parmer County for 32 years retiring just this year.

Preston Nix returned to his studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary after a summer in Bovina. Nix, a native of Waco, has been the youth director in Bovina for the past two summers, while taking a break from college. He has a degree from

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ATHLETIC AWARDS....These students were award winners at the Athletic Banquet. Back row, Gabriel Guevara, Ricky Shepherd, Richard Shepherd and Harvey Shepherd. In the front row, are Kathy Williams, Noel Ortiz and Dale Turner. Not pictured is Dale Gilbreath.

# 1981 Newsmakers....

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Stephen F. Austin University, and is currently studying to become a minister, perhaps an evangelist, says Nix. He still has two more years of seminary to complete until he will be able to become a minister, a dream which he has had since high school.

Highway 60 may undergo some drastic changes, especially if the issue to widen it to a four-lane highway goes through as expected. Several county residents voiced their "yeas" and "nays" about the issue in a mammoth meeting held in the Friona Community Center on August 17.

The Mustangs downed the Friona Chieftains in the first scrimmage of the football season in Friona, 2-0.

The team prepared for their first game against Boys Ranch, a foe which has given the Mustangs trouble for the past several years.

Parmer County Spraying Service was the victim of a break-in which occurred August 20 and several items, including a safe, were carried off by the perpetrators.

Tom Karvonen took over the helm of the Mustang Band after replacing Louis Bannister at the position. Karvonen had had previous experience at Balmorhea and Marathon prior to accepting the Bovina position.

## SEPTEMBER

Enrollment at Bovina ISD was 514, which was about the same as the end of the school year last year, officials at the school reported.

The Grain Producers Inc. alcohol plant finally passed the tax exemption status, after the Texas Legislature passed the issue in their special session. The vote to pass the package was 28-2 in the Senate and 105-14 in the House. This was the culmination of hard work and long hours for the proponents of GPI, namely their directors.

The Mustangs began their football year with a bang as they blistered the Boys Ranch Roughriders 48-6 in the opener of the season. Quarterback Dale Gilbreath found the sure hands of Ricky Shepherd, Richard Shepherd, Joe Black and Edward Chisom to do in the Riders.

The Bovina City Council met with officials from General Telephone and discussed the problems Bovinians had



**RECEIVES PIN....**Flossie Rhinehart, who first went to work for the post office in Bovina in 1950, was honored by the U.S. Postal Service with a 25-year pin. Mrs. Richards is also known for her courtesy by the patrons of the Bovina post office.

had in the past with their phone service in the September meeting of the City Council.

Pedro Guerrero was killed by a fertilizer truck, driven by Jimmy Edward Owen, of Friona, as Guerrero was working as a flag man on Highway 60. He was pronounced dead at the scene by JP Wayne Spears. The Bovina Ambulance Service responded to the scene of the accident. His death set off a rash of accidents within the county as a week later, two men were killed in a head-on collision at Black.

Mustangs cooled the Happy Cowboys in the Homecoming game

of the year, as Bovina rolled 40-6 over the Pokes.

Lisa Schilling was crowned Homecoming Queen and others in her court included Jeanna Richards, Wendy Sherrill, Teresa Quiroga, Rande Cupit and Connie Shelby.

## OCTOBER

The Parmer County ASCS office was named as the top ASCS office in Texas for their outstanding contributions to agriculture.

Bovina youths rode in a St. Jude's Bike-a-thon, and earned money for the cancer research hospital in which so many of the childhood cancers are



**BOARD MEMBERS....**Members of the Board of Directors of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, many of whom were active in the planning of Bull Town Days are pictured. Front row, left to right, are Suezy Smith, Julia Moody, Scooter Russell and Virgie Cary.

Second row, left to right, are Steve Sherrill, Galen Hromas, Dennis Willard, Harry Johnson, Bubby Marshall, Mike Beauchamp, Kenneth Gauntt, Sonny Roach and Mac Glasscock. Not shown are Monta McClaran, Norma Whitten, Billy J. Charles and Larry Scott.

being cured. City Marshal John Detten headed the affair.

The Mustangs rallied after a loss to Plains to come back and monopolize the Lazbuddie Longhorns, 58-0 at Lazbuddie.

Commissioners okayed two new radar units to be leased for the county's DPS trooper cars. Also discussed at the County Commissioners meeting was the status of the radio transmission problems which all the law officers in the county had been having to deal with.

Santa Fe decided to close freight offices in Bovina, Friona, Hereford,

Pampa, King's Mill, Canadian, Panhandle, Dumas, Etter, Stratford, and Kerrick and have all the freight handled through the regional offices at Hereford, Pampa, Dumas and Canadian.

## NOVEMBER

Ken Horn emerged as the winner of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest with a respectable score of 132. Horn was a leader throughout the contest and received a \$100 prize for his efforts. He also won in the State Line Tribune contest, and will get a trip to Dallas to watch the Cowboys play Philadelphia.

Joe Olvera, after persistently trying to win in the weekly football contest, triumphed in the twelfth week, with a score of 12 and the closest tie-breaker score, between Washington and Dallas.

The United Methodist Women held their annual Christmas Bazaar in the Community Room of the First State Bank, and there were several items of interest to the Christmas gift buyer. The ladies made an assortment of baked goods, as well as hand made items for the event.

Bret Whitten, a junior, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitten, (Continued on Page 3)

# Blessings to All

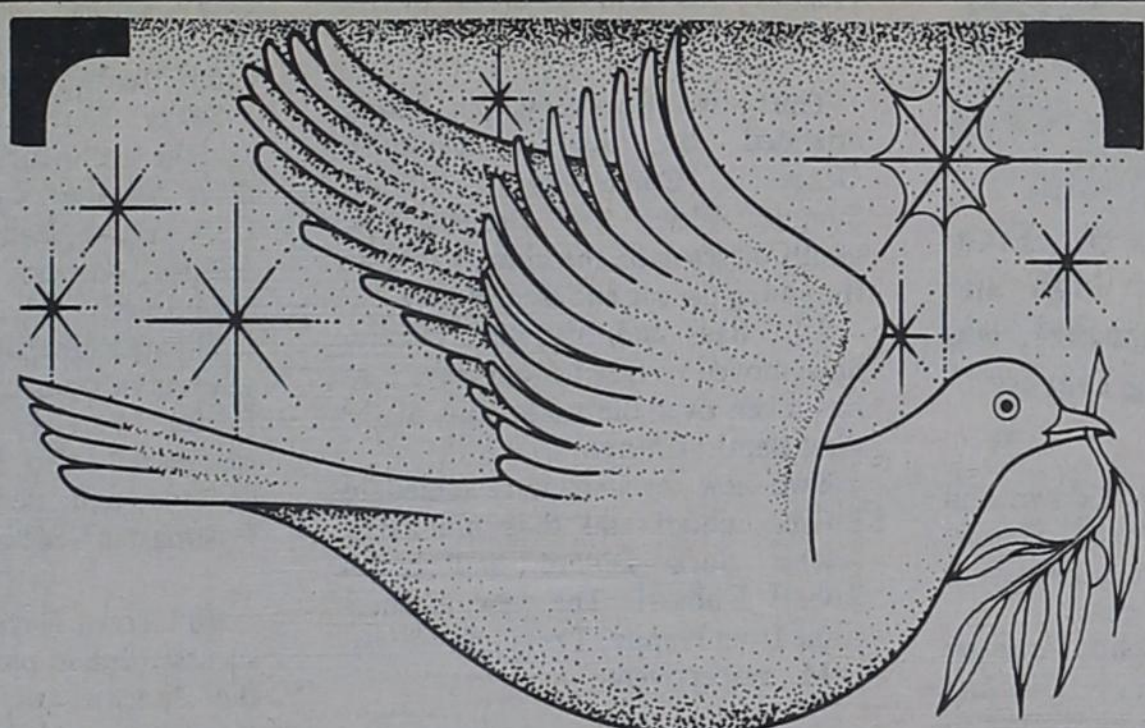


*Joyous Christmas hymns ring out, sounding a message of peace and love to all mankind throughout this Holy Season.*

## BOVINA FEEDERS, INC.



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## Blessings at Christmas

Once again, hearts are lifted in hope and joy, renewed by the message of Christmas. Let us be glad!



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**FIRST BALE....**Lowell Boozer and Albert Rushing were proud to display their first bale of cotton and the first bale of the season to be brought in to Bovina gins. The men brought the cotton in on October 28 and reported that the crop made about 1½ bales to the acre. Shown from left to right are ginner O.D. (Doc) Burchett, Albert Rushing, Lowell Boozer and ginner Adam Gomez. Bovina Gin ginned the cotton.

**Newsmakers....**

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won the district FFA extemporaneous speaking contest in Friona November 18. The BHS Greenhand quiz team and the Greenhand Chapter conducting team also won third place each.

James Gillean was buried November 13. His services were held in Clovis by Steed-Todd Funeral Home. He was 71 and was married to Sophia Gillean of Bovina.

County Commissioners approved the formation of a county-wide "Crimestoppers" program in their meeting November 9. Sheriff Bill Morgan and Commissioner Ernest Anthony will head the program when it gets underway.

Charles Johnson, freshman son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Johnson, was named the Parmer County Gold Star Boy at the 4-H Banquet which was held November 2 in the Bovina High School cafeteria.

Douglas W. Bryan of Hereford, perished in a head-on tractor-trailer rig collision at Summerfield, in what was reported to be one of the worst wrecks in the county. It occurred six miles west of Hereford on US 60, and it took officials at the scene four hours to clean up the debris from the wreckage.

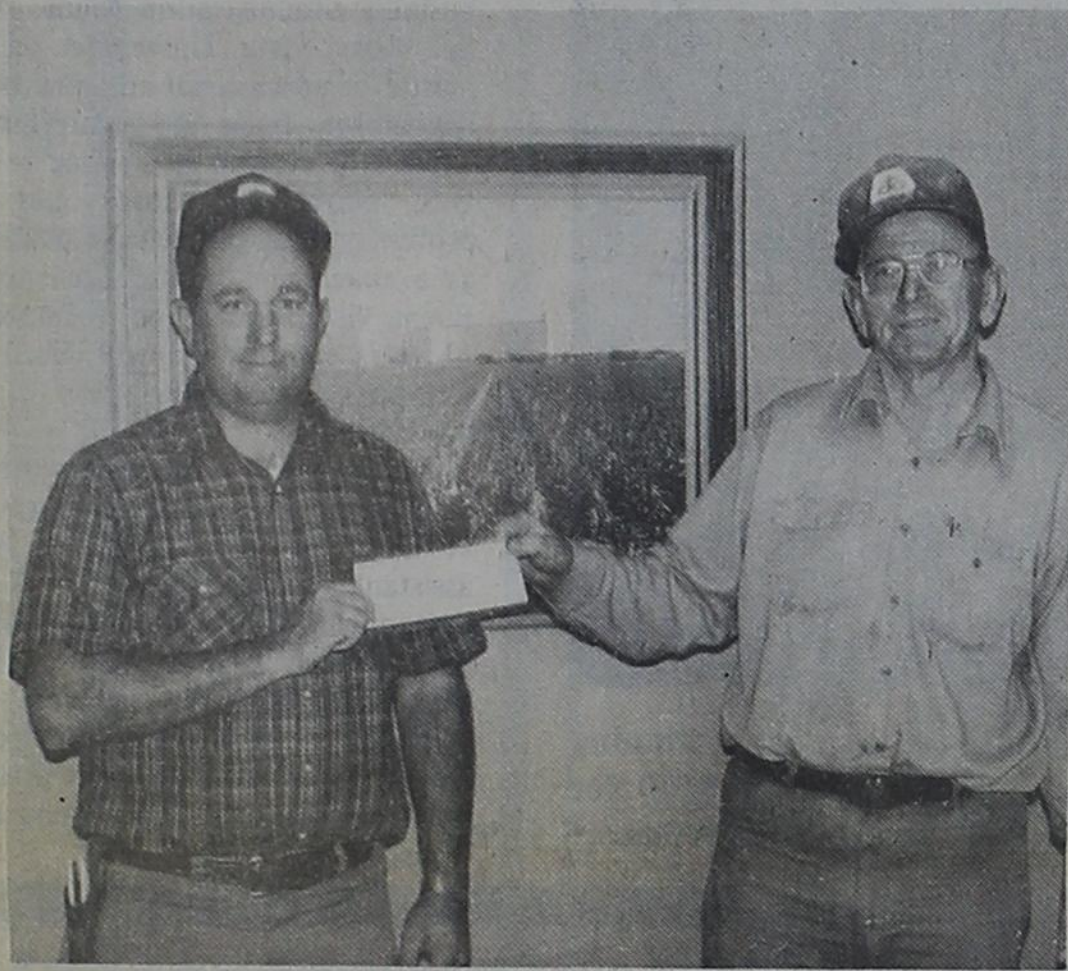
Lowell Boozer ginned the first bale of cotton for Bovina October 28 at the Bovina Gin Company.

Bovina's Mustangs lost a heartstaber to the Vega Longhorns, 28-21, after leading most of the game. This was a district game, and dropped the Mustangs to two losses.

**DECEMBER**

A gas increase was approved by the Bovina City Council in their

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**FIRST LOAD OF CORN....**Shown is Bubby Marshall, left, as he received his check for the first load of corn for the season. Jack Stanberry, elevator superintendent for Sherley Grain in Bovina, made the presentation.

**Warm Wishes**



Here are wishes expressly for our many friends: the happiest of holidays and the best of everything! Thanks for your patronage.

**Dairy Freeze**



Here's wishing our friends the very best at Christmastime and in the days to come. Warm greetings from

**BOVINA CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Rejoice**



Their way was not easy. His birth was humble and hard. Let's recapture in our hearts the spirit of love and tranquility they experienced that first Christmas day. Peace be unto you and all mankind at this holy season.

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We Will Be Closed Dec. 25 - 26.

# 1981 Newsmakers.....

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December meeting. This increase will be an 11.06 per cent hike and will effect residential and business rates alike.

H.A. (Pat) Connors resigned at the regular monthly meeting of the Bovina ISD school board meeting December 8. He is moving to Fort Stockton where he will assume duties as an administrative assistant in that school system. He has been at Bovina from 1976 until the present.

Ricky Shepherd was named All District Player of the Year in 3-AA. He is a senior who led all ball carriers in the area in yards gained during the year. He was also a unanimous choice on both offense and defense for the All District teams.

Others making All District from Bovina included Mark Teague and Richard Shepherd on first team and Marty McCowan, Edward Chisom, Joe Black, Charlie Trimble and Richard Shepherd on second team.

The Bovina Mustangs basketball team (boys) decided they would bring home a trophy from the Sudan Tournament and thought it would be nice to take the biggest one, as they won it outright, and the Fillies took second place also in the Sudan Tournament.

The Junior High boys team placed third in the Muleshoe Junior High Tournament and the girls placed second in the tourney. This was for eighth grade teams only.

Richard Lowe, Bovina football star

of a few years back, was named Outstanding Offensive Lineman at NMMI recently. He was a standout performer while in BHS and earned many individual honors in his athletic endeavors while at BHS.

Fourth graders at Bovina Elementary School held their first Christmas program in several years Monday, December 21, with 35 children participating.

Mrs. Virginia Rhodes' class performed "What Will The Toys Say?" while Mrs. Sue Fancher's class did the "Elves and the Shoemaker" favorite.

All the children did a splendid job and the program was a success.

The Bovina Senior Citizens had a bake sale-bazaar December 4 which was a treat for all who attended.

Baked goods of all kinds and homemade items were displayed for purchase as Bovinians by the droves came by to browse and purchase these valuable items for presents as well as for themselves. The proceeds went to make a final payment on the Senior Citizens Building.

Tammy Dameron became the bride of Terry Reed in a service held at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Lubbock. Tammy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dameron of Bovina.

Services for A.V. Warren of Farwell were held December 15 in Farwell with burial in the Bovina Cemetery. He was survived by his mother, Mrs. Lillian Warren of Bovina, and his wife, Bonnie, Parmer County Clerk, Farwell.

## Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

My name is Kathy Jo. I am five years old. I live at 501 2nd Street in Bovina. I have tried to be a good girl. I would like a bike, dishes, tape recorder. My sister wants a crayon art set. We will be waiting for you Christmas.

See you, love you,  
Kathy Jo Hernandez  
.....

Dear Santa,

I would like a furcoat, I would also like a basketball, and I would also like a pair of jeans and tennis shoes, uno cards, and some Barbie clothes, western Barbie and her horse, Dallas, Monchichi, TV and a watch.

Your Friend,  
Wendy Jones  
.....

Dear Santa,

I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you. How is Rudolph? Please bring me hot wheels, bear and a robot.

Love, Sammy Rodriguez  
.....

Dear Santa,

I am five years old. I would like to have a Criss Cross race track and a Case tractor. Please remember my friends and don't forget to go by Mrs. Charlie's house.

Lance Teague  
.....

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How is Rudolph? I want to know if you can get my big brother a pooltable. And I want to know if you can get me a ten speed bike, a ball, and some boots.

Love, Donna Griggs



TOP HONORS....Charles Johnson of Bovina and Devera Rhodes of Friona were named Parmer County's Gold Star Boy and Girl at the annual Parmer County 4-H Achievement Awards Banquet held at Bovina School Cafeteria.



\$100 RICHER....Ken Horn, left, shows his enjoyment at winning the Bovina Business Football Contest, and making \$100 for himself. Shown presenting him his check is Editor Janet Wilke.



H.A. (PAT) CONNOR

## Connor Is Hired For School Post

Herman A. (Pat) Connor has been employed by unanimous vote of the Fort Stockton School Board as the new director of administrative services for the school district.

The action was taken in the board's regular November meeting Tuesday night, upon the recommendation of Supt. of Schools Jon M. Ryan.

Connor will assume the job responsibilities of J.F. (Sonny) Richardson, who left Fort Stockton in May to enter private business. Primary duties of the post include oversight of school maintenance, construction and transportation logistics.

He is a graduate of Wink High School and holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Sul Ross State University and a master of educational administration degree from Texas A&M University.

He is a veteran of service in the U.S. Naval Air Corps and his professional career includes positions as a coach and business teacher at Buena Vista High School at Imperial, 13 years employment with Shell Oil Company, and three years in the motel business.

More recent school positions include the following: administrator at Oso ISD from 1966 to 1969, assistant superintendent for personnel and finance at Weslaco ISD from 1969 to 1975, superintendent of schools at Valentine in 1975-76 and principal at Bovina ISD from 1976 to the present. Connor was interim superintendent at Weslaco in 1972-73.

# Season's GREETINGS



Love...the nicest gift of all.

We wish to thank you for your patronage during the past year. Merry Christmas.

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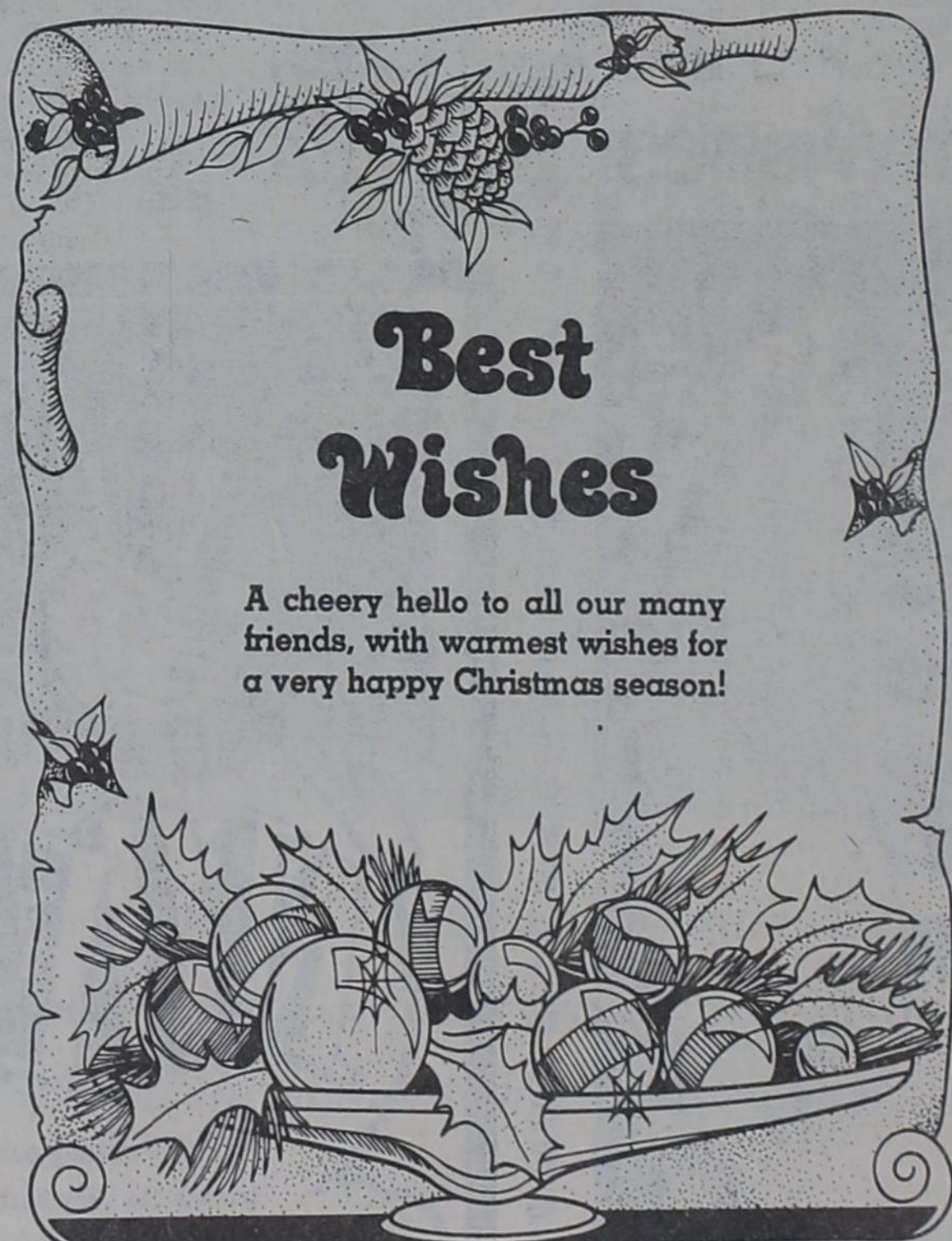
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## GOOD TIDINGS

WISHING YOU THE BEST THAT THE SEASON HAS TO OFFER YOU AND YOURS!

## Riverside Chemical Company



## Best Wishes

A cheery hello to all our many friends, with warmest wishes for a very happy Christmas season!

# THE BOVINA BLADE



# Holiday Cheer



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*'Tis the season... never a Christmas morning, never the old year ends, but someone thinks of someone, old days, old times, old friends.*

*May all the joys of the past, return again this happiest of times... Christmas!*

**FROM YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AT**



FRIONA DIVISION

# Lillian Warren Says Her Hobbies Are Livelihood

By JANET WILKE

Mrs. Lillian Warren never seems to have a dull moment...she is too busy making beautiful quilts, shawls and needlepoint to be bothered with the Monday blues.

Lillian said she has done handiwork all her life, starting out as a child doing hairpin lace crocheting.

But, now at 76, she is busy making things for her family.

Next to the oldest child in a family of seven children, Lillian was born in Indian Territory, Oklahoma on January 30, 1906. She attended school in a small southwestern town of Duke, Oklahoma which is near Altus. Lillian completed eleven years of education at a school called Victory School, which was a consolidated school between Duke and Altus.

She and C.P. Warren were married August 13, 1925 in Prairie Hill, Oklahoma and became the parents of one son, A.V.

Lillian and her brothers and sisters, Odis, now deceased; Harold of Amarillo; Madge Crow of Friona; Katherine Storr of Longview; Eva Dabney of Florida and Gladys Guyer of Washington State, enjoyed life on the Oklahoma frontier, but after she was married she opted for life in town.

She and C.P. lived on a farm north of Bovina after coming to this area in 1945, then they later moved to town.

They were the owners of Warren's Auto Parts store here from 1955 until 1970.

Both the Warrens had many plans to enjoy their retirement but then a stroke disabled C.P. in 1972. He remained in a wheelchair for the rest of his life, and died five years after he was first stricken. He passed away March 3, 1977.

Lillian could have decided to live a life of seclusion after C.P.'s death, but instead, she decided to get busy and begin life by herself.

She became active in the Bovina Senior Citizens organization, and

devoted much of her time to the church, as well as enjoyed her activities with the Quilting Club and 42 Club.

And, she also took some trips to various parts of the country including one to the Northeastern seaboard.

But, she was always interested in doing her handiwork, and her results speak for themselves.

Lillian knits, crochets, does needlepoint and crewel, as well as embroidery, sewing and quilting.

Some of her pieces have taken as much as two years to complete, and of those projects she is most proud.

"I am very pleased with my quilts which have taken longer to make, but I am not sure I would try something as complex as these I've already finished again."

Much of her work will go to her son's family, his wife, Bonnie, who is the County Clerk of Parmer County, as well as her two grandchildren, Alan and Kitty Lea, and Kitty's two daughters, Chesse and Denise Lea.

Lillian completed a Holly Hobby quilt and pillow shams for her great-granddaughter, and says she will have to think up something different for her newest great-granddaughter, Denise Lea.

Also one of Lillian's most impressive quilts is a one inch by one inch block quilt, complete with shams, which she says will belong to A.V.'s family when she is through with it.

She had also done a cathedral window quilt, in which the design looked much like a cathedral window with circular designs filled in with colorful scraps of material, which Lillian said took quite a long time to make, and declared she would never try again.

In addition to her handiwork, Lillian also enjoys traveling, to an extent.

"The main reason I don't travel as much as I would like is because I wouldn't know what to do with Hutch," she remarked.

Now, you might ask, who is

Hutch?

Hutch is a five year old, with black and white hair, big brown eyes and a cute grin. He is a Boston Terrier, of the larger breed and he is also Lillian's constant companion.

Hutch has a brother in Farwell, with A.V.'s family, who is named Starsky...what else?

The few times that Lillian has been away from Hutch she has visited places like New York, where she took in the sights of the United Nations Building, Wall Street, Chinatown, as well as Niagara Falls.

On the same trip she also saw the statue of Paul Revere in Boston and took a tour up the St. Lawrence River Seaway to the Thousand Islands, which she was very impressed with.

"I thought the naturalness of the Thousand Islands tour was the most impressive thing I'd seen. There might be a castle on one of the larger islands, and then there might be just a small house on another one of the islands," said Lillian.

In addition to visiting in the continental U.S., Lillian has also visited the Bahamas and Hawaii.

But, once she got back home, Lillian became as involved as ever in her hobbies.

Outside of her handwork, she also does oil paintings (after taking lessons for about six months from Dicki Magness in Farwell), and is an avid plant grower.

Lillian's home is filled with lovely, healthy plants. Among some of them are a Corn Plant, two types of Ivy, Dieffenbachia, a large Rubber Plant, two varieties of Croutons, several varieties of African Violets, a Crown of Thorns plant from Florida and others which are too numerous to mention.

However, one of the most interesting plants Lillian has is a seven foot False Aralia, which she nurtured from a small plant. It takes up the corner of her living room, along with several other plants.

Lillian is also a walker. She enjoys walking to the Post

Office from her home and that is quite a distance. She says she likes to walk around town, and if she decided to visit someone's home, she would just stop in for awhile.

Now that she has retired (in 1969), Lillian has time for all of her many hobbies, but before she did her hobbies mainly at night.

Lillian has been employed as a department store clerk (a year for Willie Williams in Bovina), as an insurance secretary (Jimmy Ware's Insurance here, for six or seven years), at which time she took night classes in typing at Clovis High School to learn how to type; and during all of these years, she also kept the Auto Store's books at home, in her spare time...Or was there any?

So, Lillian Warren has always been a busy woman, and she says that is why she has enjoyed life as much as she has.

"You have to get involved in something and not sit around all time and worry about things. Get a hobby going and get busy...keeping busy and exercising alot are two main ingredients of a healthful life," says Lillian summarizing her livelihood.

In fact, Lillian was preparing to bake a cake when she granted us this interview, and when we asked her what type of cake she was making she said it was a Potato Cake.

Well, we could not resist asking what it was made of and here's the recipe:

#### Lillian Warren's Potato Cake

- 1 cup Crisco
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup creamed potatoes, fixed for eating
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup cocoa, dry type
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Spices of any type according to what you like

Cream Crisco and sugar together;

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SHOWING HER TALENTS....Lillian Warren is a very talented lady. She is shown holding a cathedral window quilt which she made. She is a very active member of the Bovina Senior Citizens group.

## NOEL

As we listen to the gospel narrative of the birth of Jesus, let us do as the Wise Men did...let us follow the Star of Bethlehem to worship our King and Saviour.

### KERBY WELDING SERVICE

## Season's Best

Santa's coming, he's on his way.  
 With a sleigh-full of toys, so they say.  
 He lightens hearts of children on Christmas Day  
 and brings the love of family, home to stay.

## Charles Oil Company

## JOY TO ALL

Sleigh bells ringing in the night.  
 Yule logs burning warm and bright.  
 Children laughing with delight.

# Lawlis Gin Company

## Choose Gifts With Eye Safety In Mind

When shopping for children's holiday gifts, beware of those that pose threats to eyes, cautions the Texas Society to Prevent Blindness.

More than 5,000 eye injuries were linked to toys last year, and nearly two-thirds of these accidents were suffered by children under the age of fifteen. BB guns, darts and bows and arrows—"toy weapons"—were responsible for hundreds more injuries.

"Ninety per cent of all eye injuries are preventable," notes Elvin Schofield, President of the Texas

Society. "Safety-conscious adults can protect children from eye damage—or even the loss of an eye—by picking toys and games carefully and by teaching youngsters how to respect toy hazards and their own safety.

"Holiday gifts hopefully will bring children many hours of enjoyment without jeopardizing their well-being," Mr. Schofield added. Playthings with projectiles have been proven dangerous to eyes and should be avoided. A U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission survey of hospital emergency rooms indicates that children under 15 were the victims of eye injuries predominantly from slingshots or sling-propelled toys, toy guns and other toy weapons with projectiles, and gas, air or spring-operated guns.

Eye damage also can result from toys and games with less apparent hazards. Building sets, skateboards and battery-operated toys were a few of those responsible for eye injuries to children last year, primarily children under 15. In some cases, the child may be too young to handle a toy. Often, too, play gets rough, and youngsters accidentally hurt themselves or playmates.

Most of these eye injuries happen, reports the Society, when children are not supervised. It's very important that parents show their children how to use their gifts properly. Does the child understand how to use the toy? Does he or she take a "harmless" toy and make it dangerous, for example, by pulling rubber tips off darts? Do older children keep their more complicated toys out of reach of younger brothers and sisters? When dangers are explained, does the child acknowledge and avoid them?

\*For a free copy of "Play It Safe—Your Child's Eyes Are At Stake," which contains important advice for parents to protect children's eyesight, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to the Texas Society to Prevent Blindness, P.O. Box 20/20, Houston, Texas, 77019. The Texas Society to Prevent Blindness is an affiliate of the National Society to Prevent Blindness, the nation's oldest voluntary health organization dedicated to sight conservation.



**HOLLY HOBBY QUILT....Some lucky great-granddaughter will be a recipient of this beautiful handmade Holly Hobby quilt which was made by Great-grandmother Lillian Warren of Bovina.**

## Six Weeks Required To Receive Number

Those who intend to work for the first time in the near future should be advised to apply right away for a social security number, as it usually takes about six weeks to get your social security card after your application and necessary documents are received.

The social security law requires that you furnish evidence of age, identity, and U.S. citizenship or lawful admission status when you apply for a social security number. If you are 18 or older, you must apply in person. Documents are subject to verification with the agency that issued them. Please do not submit uncertified photocopies of your documents. We must see either the original documents or a copy certified by the agency which issued it. We will

return any documents you send in.

A variety of documents can be submitted as evidence of your age, identity, and citizenship. Examples are: Public or hospital record of birth or religious record of birth or baptism established before age five. If these records cannot be obtained one or more of the following will establish date of birth, or age and your place of birth: drivers license, voter's registration, school record, marriage record, divorce decree, draft card or military ID, U.S. passport, baby's hospital wrist band, newspaper birth announcement, church membership or confirmation record, clinic, doctor or hospital record, insurance policy or other document providing identifying data such as a physical description, photograph or signature.

You'll have this number for the rest of your life, so keep it in a safe place. Apply now, the sooner the better!

## Lillian Warren...

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add eggs and potatoes. Combine remaining ingredients and add. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes then at 325 degrees for additional 15 minutes, or until done. Test for doneness with a toothpick.

Frost with icing of your choice. After raising a family, working outside the home, and keeping busy with her travels and hobbies, there is

not too much Lillian Warren has missed out on in life. And, she admits she has no regrets.

"I think we have to take life as it comes, and be contented with whatever happens," concluded Lillian.

And, if her lifestyle is any indication of what contentment brings, we should all be looking forward to our retirement years.

## Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you. How is Rudolph? Please bring me a Animal Dictionary, canary, and a Snoopy Snow cone machine.

Love, Chris Wilson

Dear Santa,

I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you. How is Rudolph? Please bring me a Strawberry Shortcake bike Wizzard of Oz Game and anything about Strawberry Shortcake.

Love, Iona Molinar

Dear Santa,

I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you. How is Rudolph? Please bring me a bike, Mickey Mouse phine, Pretty Cut and Grow Strawberry Shortcake buggy.

Love, Cindy Quintana

Dear Santa,

I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you. How is Rudolph? Please bring me a baton, pretty cut and grow, sled, golden dream Barbie.

Love, Lynette Miller

Dear Santa,

I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you. How is Rudolph? Please bring me a Micky Mouse phone, Easy Bake oven, camera.

Love, JoLinda Hodnett

**season's best**

May the glad tidings bring joy into every heart at this holy season. And may every home be blessed with all the warmth and cheer of Christmas! Greetings from everyone at

**Don's  
Medicine Chest**

## BLESSINGS TO ALL



*At this holy time, we extend the blessings of the season to you and yours. May the peace of Christ abide within every heart.*

## Parmer County Spraying Service

Happy Holidays

## Joyous Holidays

Let us strive for lasting friendship with our fellow men, now and after Christmas.

## BOVINA PUMP COMPANY

Happy Holidays

IN BOVINA

# Art Classes Make Rounded Education

By JANET WILKE

Kena Arthur's high school art classes have been one of the school's most popular courses over the past year and she credits this to the fact that almost everyone has some artistic ability...it just takes more coaxing in some than it does for others.

Kena took over the job for the first time last year and so far her art classes have thrived.

Before Miss Arthur came, Carolyn Beauchamp was in charge of junior high art classes, but there were no art courses offered in high school.

Miss Arthur teaches four art classes per day and one seventh-eighth grade girls physical education class.

Kena received her degree in physical education and art from West Texas State University, after her graduation from Ralls High School.

She said in high school she never took an art class but the interest was always there.

Kena's main objective in teaching art to public school students is to show them just how simple art really is. "It is really not as difficult as it

looks," she commented.

There are approximately twenty junior high students in her junior high classes and there are about eighteen high school students who are taking the course.

The classes consist of various art forms, including sketching, charcoals, various crafts, wool paintings (which are unique, to say the least), pastels, soap carvings, water color and acrylics.

One of the toughest things to teach young artists is learning to shadow the artwork correctly.

The Bovina schools supply all the art tools and supplies necessary for the work which will be undertaken in the classes and no student must provide these tools.

If a person was to start taking art lessons, what would the basic tools be? According to Miss Arthur, one would just need three things: pencils, erasers and a stump. A stump is a tool which helps in the shading process.

Kena advised us that all artists



PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE....Gavina Mendoza and Jesse Ramon are shown doing "wool art" pictures. They are in the seventh period art class. The students will make paintings suitable for framing.

should work in pencil drawings first before going into something more detailed like acrylics or oils.

"At least when you goof up with a pencil, you can just erase the mistake. When you're working with oils or some other art type, the mistakes get harder to erase."

Miss Arthur has several new projects lined up for the new year which will include crafts, hat bands made of feathers and a possible field trip to WTSU to see some of the art exhibits there for the high school classes.

In junior high, new art experiences will include possibly learning to work with water colors, and some crayon etching which leads up to print making.

Prior to Christmas, the classes in high school participated in doing wool painting, where wool was finely cut and applied to a felt background which already had some type of figure drawn on it. These paintings are very unique and the high school students did an exceptional job on their paintings.

In junior high school, the big event prior to Christmas was the bulletin board decoration contests, as the winners were exempted from final exams.

When asked if she felt a person needed to be "artistically inclined" to be a good artist, Kena Arthur thought about this question, and then replied, "No, I don't think anyone has to be artistically inclined in order to be a

good artist. In fact, I feel that all of us have some artistic ability. It's just harder for some to find out they have it than it is for others." Miss Arthur also said she thought that a desire to work with art was one of the most important prerequisites for being an artist. "You acquire the ability as you improve," she said.

Personally, Kena said she was interested in the paintings of Van Gogh and Rembrandt, but she said she did not identify with any particular period more than any others.

One of the high school classes is currently working on special art work for the yearbook, and her seventh period pupils were responsible for the football run-through signs in the fall.

Kena said she does not place art history too high on her list of teaching priorities, but does place having fun and learning to appreciate art as a recreational outlet as one of the main points of her classes.

And, from the success of her classes and their popularity, I would say she is doing a great job.

## Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you please send me all the Barbie dolls. I also want the tippytoes doll, and the crayon make-up. I have been a good girl all year. I am four years old and my name is Crystal Lynn Brito.

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll. I love you.  
Love, Genoveva Hernandez

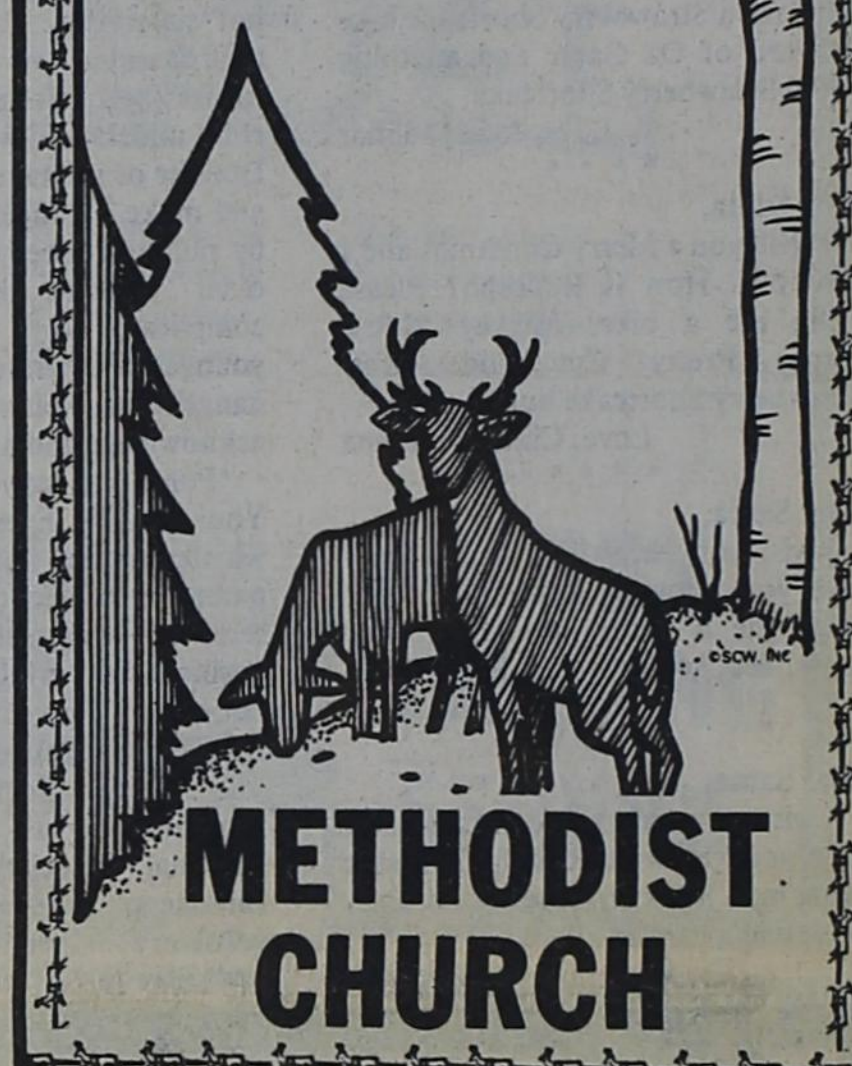
Dear Santa,  
I want a bike. I love you.  
Love, Pete Madrigal

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Johnny Joe, would you please bring me a Micky Mouse Phone? My sisters names are Alexandria and Michelle. Would you please bring Alexandria a Baby feels so Real and Michelle a Flip and Fold Fashions and a Love Me Softskin doll and travel case. My brother's name is Christopher, would you please bring him a jack in the box?

Love, Johnny Joe

## WARM WISHES

Peace, happiness, joy,  
good fortune and success!



METHODIST CHURCH

O HOLY NIGHT

May the season bring you and yours every happiness.  
Merry Christmas to all!

GEE CLEANERS

### Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a electric truck with track for Christmas. I've tried real hard to be a good boy. Also, my little brother, Justin, would like to have an airport set, and he's a pretty good little brother. There will be cookies and milk for you by the fireplace. My mom said you need to lose weight though.

Love, Jason Lusk

Dear Santa,  
Please do not bring Pat Kunselman anything. He has been a bad boy.

Love, Mendy

Dear Santa,  
I could sure use some more hair on this old bald head of mine. If you can spare any please send it my way.

George T. Douglas  
P.S. They tell me I have been a good boy, but I am not sure what they meant by that.

Our friendship with you will never melt!

Spudnut Shop

JOYEUX NOEL

Peace on Earth May the Blessings of the Season Be With You Always.

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# Forest Service Gives Advice On Christmas Trees

With Thanksgiving over, there may be many of you who will soon want to think about purchasing a Christmas tree.

With tree prices the way they are, and with a limited selection at times, the U.S. Forest Service passed along these tips on what to look for when buying a tree.

Most often, Christmas trees will be of the evergreen variety and there are several species of evergreen from which to choose.

The most common choices for trees are Balsam Fir, Douglas Fir, Eastern Red Cedar, Scotch Pine and White Pine.

The Balsam Fir has short, flat dark green needles, usually rounded at the tips. The needles are arranged feather-like on grayish, finely haired twigs. Each tiny twig grows at right angles to each branch, resembling crosses, which might be why this is such a popular tree at Christmas.

The rounded buds are coated with a waxy pitch.

When cones are present, they are attached upright to the branch and are 2-3 inches in length and are purple and often resinous.

The bark of the Balsam Fir is gray or brown, thin, and quite smooth, often with many resin blisters.

A popular tree is the Douglas Fir, which has needles that are attached around the twig instead of in the feather-like arrangement of the Balsam Fir.

Douglas Fir needles are short-stalked, soft and are dark yellow-green or blue-green.

The Douglas Fir has reddish brown buds that narrow to tips that are sharp pointed.

The cones are easily identified for

they hang downward with long three-toothed leaf-like bracts sticking out beyond the tips of the thin, rounded cone scales. The cones are light brown in color and are from 2-4 inches long.

The tree bark is reddish brown. The Eastern Red Cedar is distinguishable by its extremely dark green (blue-green) scale like leaves.

However the leading shoots bear needle-like leaves almost half an inch long and the leafy twigs are rounded or four angled and slender.

Like its western cousin, the Juniper, the Red Cedar bears a berry-like fruit. The small round berries are dark blue and the bark of the tree is reddish brown and fibrous.

Scotch Pines are a favorite, and these trees have longer needles which grow in clusters of two and are dark green color. Their length ranges from 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches.

Scotch Pines can be made to look very bushy, which is a desirable characteristic of Christmas trees. This variety seems to hold its needles longer than most others.

Cones come between two and five inches long and the top of the scales are flat with a slender prickle on them.

The bark should be scaly and bright orange-red, but may be darker in older trees.

White Pines are the silvery blue-green trees so often seen at Christmas and their needles are soft and pliable to touch.

The pine needles of the Eastern White Pine are 2 1/2 to five inches in length and are grouped in clusters of five or so. The needles of the Western White Pine are shorter and stouter.

The Eastern White Pine had long

stalked yellow-brown cones with thin round scales. The cones of the Western variety are very similar but longer.

The thin bark of the tree is grayish to dark green.

When selecting a tree, most people will want a tree which gently tapers and is healthy and well-trimmed.

Trees have to meet US grading requirements and those are as follows: fresh-with pliable needles that are firmly attached to the branches; clean-at least moderately free of moss, lichen, vines and other foreign matter; healthy-fresh, natural appearance for that particular species; well-trimmed-free of all barren branches below the first whorl and smoothly cut at the butt.

In addition to those requirements the US Forest Service classifies each tree in one of the following classes: US Premium-not less than medium density, normal taper and all four faces free from any type of damage; US No. 1 or US Choice-not less than medium density, normal taper and three damage-free sides; US No. 2 or Standard: light or better density, candlestick, normal or flaring taper and at least two sides damage-free.

Few rules apply when trying to select a tree, but here are a few tips from the US Forest Service:

Determine where in your home you will display your tree. With this in mind, you will be able to select the proper height, and decide whether all faces (sides) of the tree must be

suitable for display.

You should select a tree that is right height for the space you have chosen. Cutting a large portion off the end will alter the taper.

Freshness is an important key when choosing a tree. The needles should be resilient, but not brittle. Run your fingers down each branch, the needles should adhere to each twig.

Shake or bounce the tree on the ground lightly to see that the needles are firmly attached. If only a few drop off, the tree is fresh and with proper care it should retain its freshness throughout the holidays.

The limbs should be strong enough to hold ornaments and strings of electrical lights and the tree should have a strong fragrance and green color for the species.

Check the tree for cleanliness and freshness, health and trimming, as it should display the best quality for that particular species.

Once a tree is purchased a few reminders apply when trying to care for it throughout the holidays.

If a tree is bought several days before it will be set up, cut the butt of the tree about one inch above the original cut to open the pores of the tree. Place the butt of the tree in a container of water and let it absorb the water.

Saw off the tree before mounting it in the house. This will aid in water absorption.

Make sure there is water in the


container which feed the butt of the tree and refill the container daily. Also sprinkling water on the branches before you decorate the tree will retain freshness. Be sure the base of the tree is well supported and that the tree is placed well away from fireplaces, electric heaters and any other heat sources.

Open flames, such as lighted

candles, should never be used on or near a tree. In addition, a tree should never be left with the lights on, as this, too is a fire hazard.

Another tip that is timely to remember is that a tree, after a while inside, tends to become more combustible. Check electric cords for frayed lines or worn spots which could easily ignite the tree.

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Merry Christmas to all our friends! We hope your holidays abound with happiness.

JONES TEXACO

## Conservation Program Out For Public Review

The Secretary of Agriculture has invited the public to comment on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's proposed soil and water conservation program. The Secretary's preferred program features expanded roles for local and state governments and the targeting of USDA dollars and personnel to conserving critical resource problem areas.

People who are interested in the program, or potentially affected by it, are urged to comment. Responses will be accepted through January 15, 1982, and can be mailed to State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service (SCS), P.O. Box 648, Temple, Texas 76503.

Duval Burton, acting district conservationist for SCS at Friona said the Secretary's proposed program would concentrate more USDA assistance in areas where soil erosion and other problems threaten to reduce agricultural productive capacity and to increase agriculture production costs. Basic USDA technical and financial assistance would continue in all areas.

The program would use local and state conservation coordinating boards to identify critical problem areas, set priorities, and develop program for local and state action to solve the problems. These boards would be based on existing organizations--conservation district boards, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committees, extension advisory boards and other groups.

Based on the recommendation from these local and state boards and national priorities, more USDA assistance would be aimed at reducing the most serious soil erosion and related problems.

Burton said the program is the Secretary's proposed response to the

Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 (RCA). It is contained in an RCA Program report and a summary leaflet with response form that can be reviewed at the local SCS or Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office.

The basis for the program is an appraisal of the condition, trends and natural resource problems of the nation. Published in two reports, the appraisal is also available for public reference in the two USDA offices.

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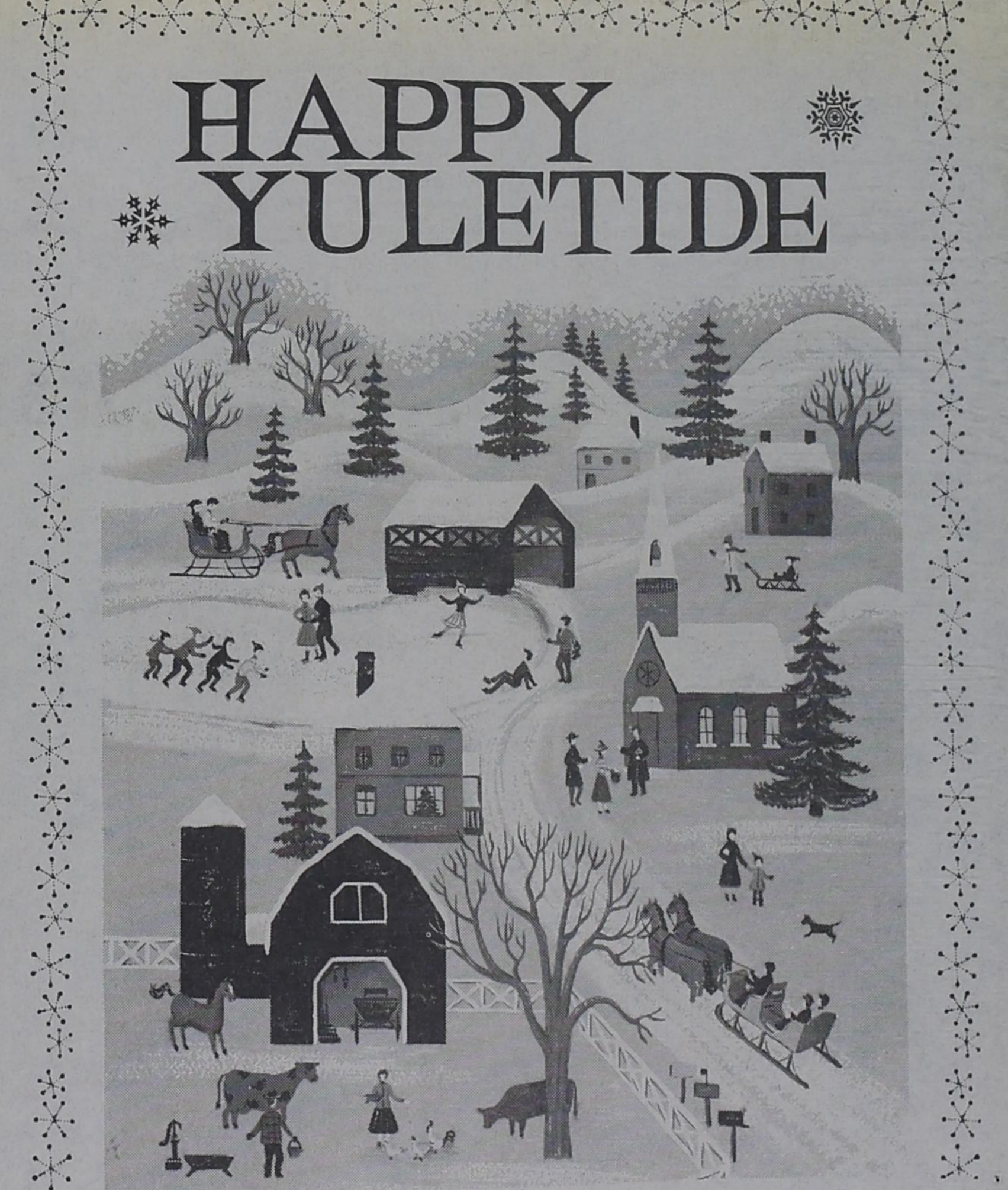
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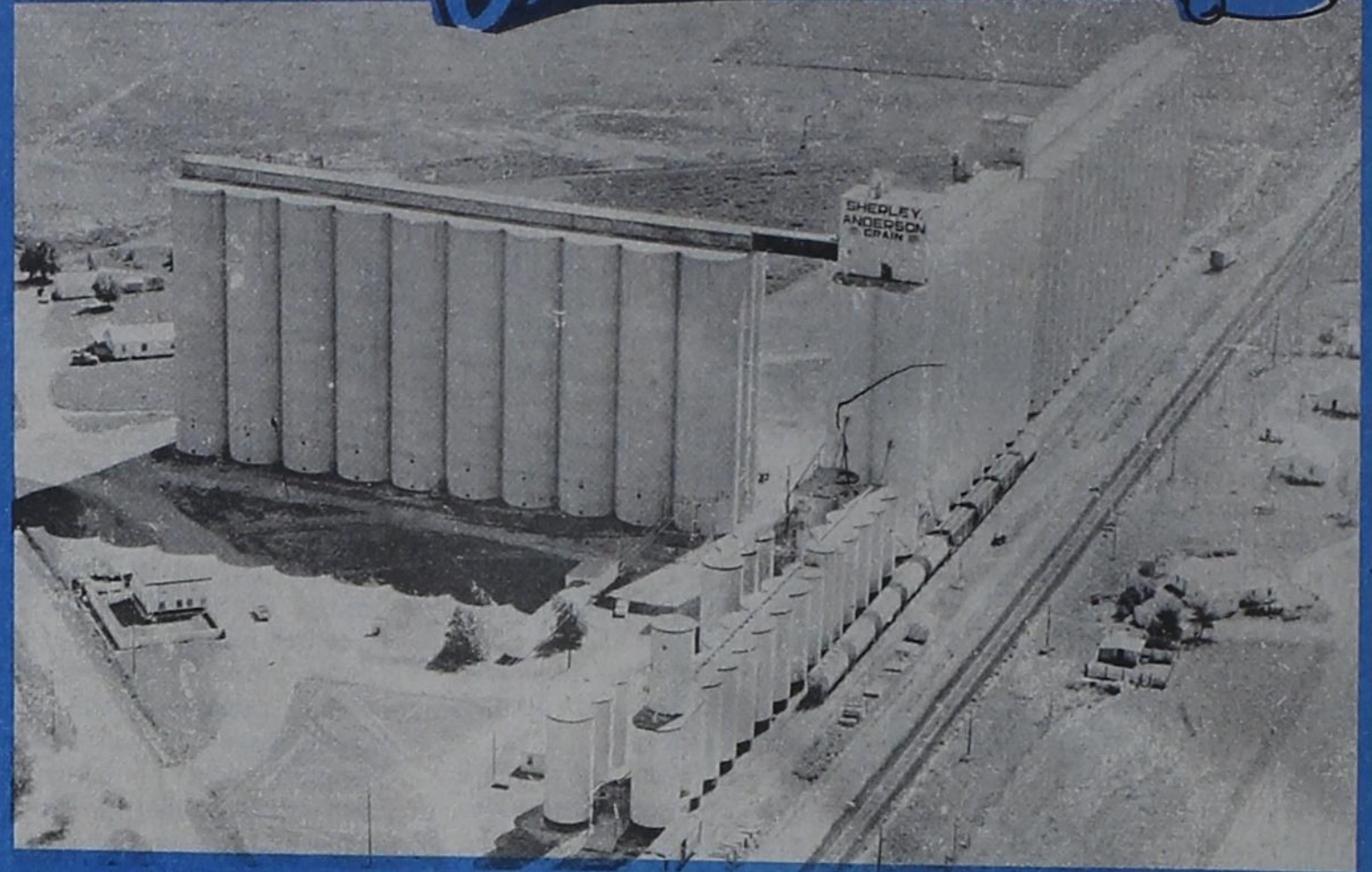
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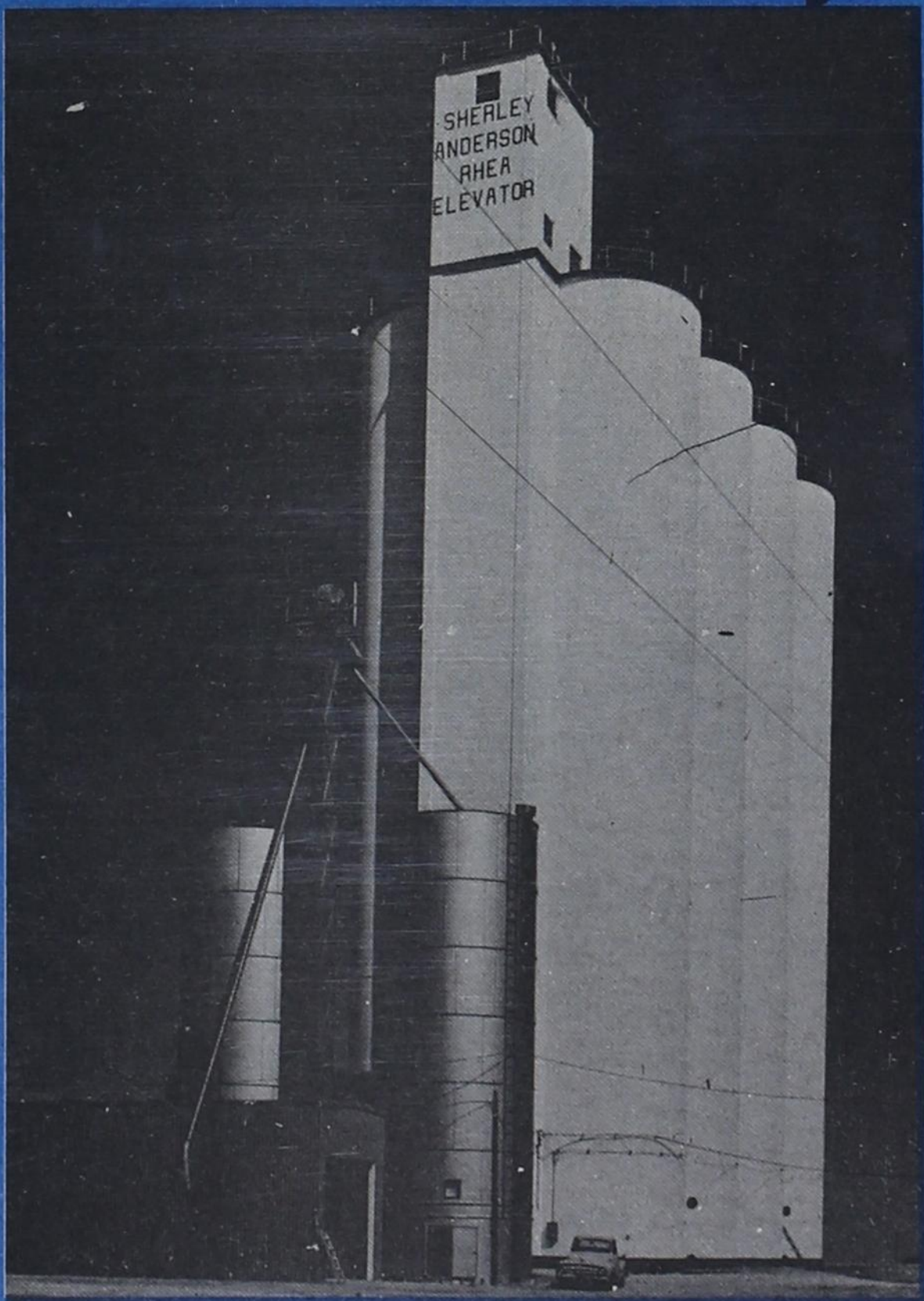


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